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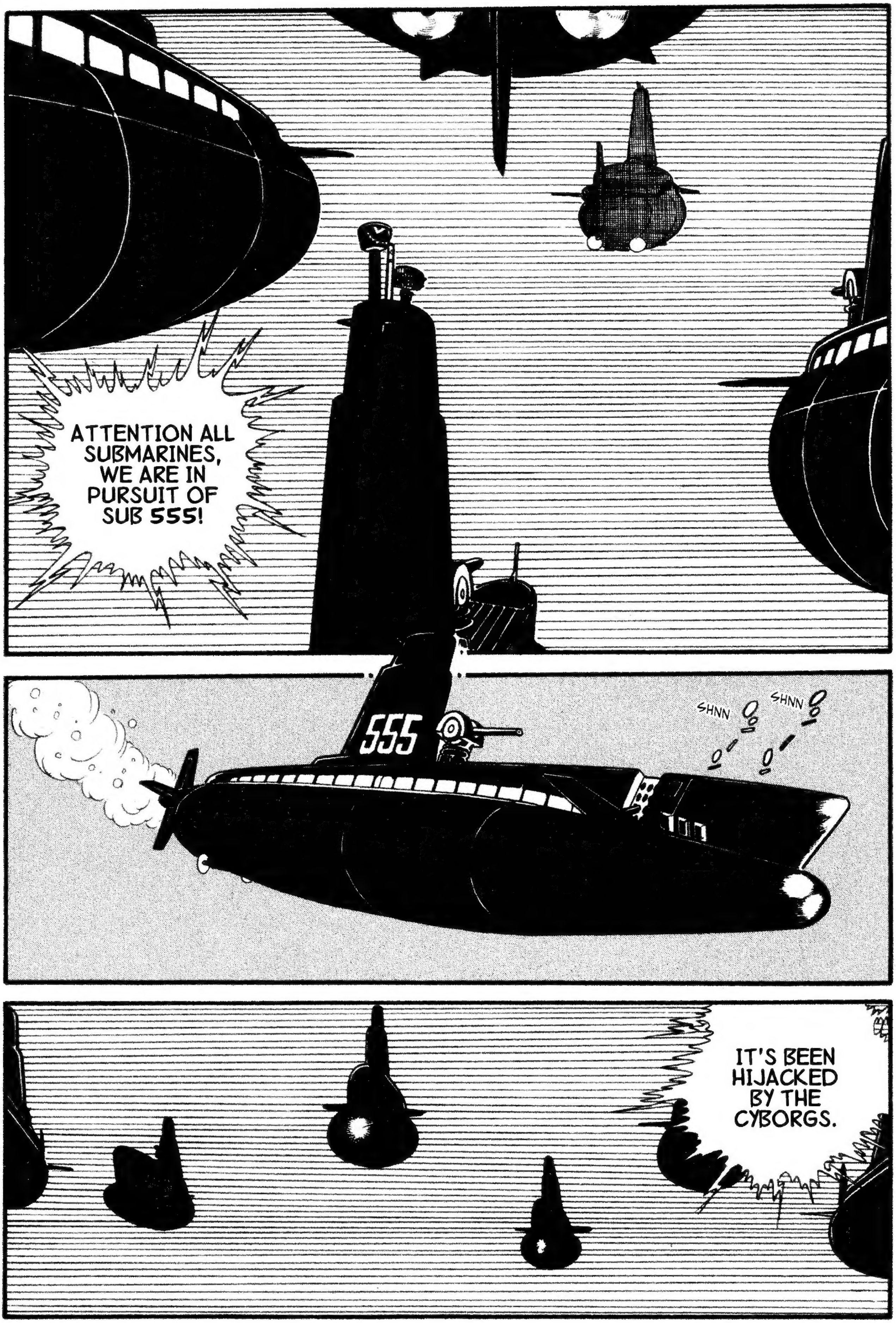
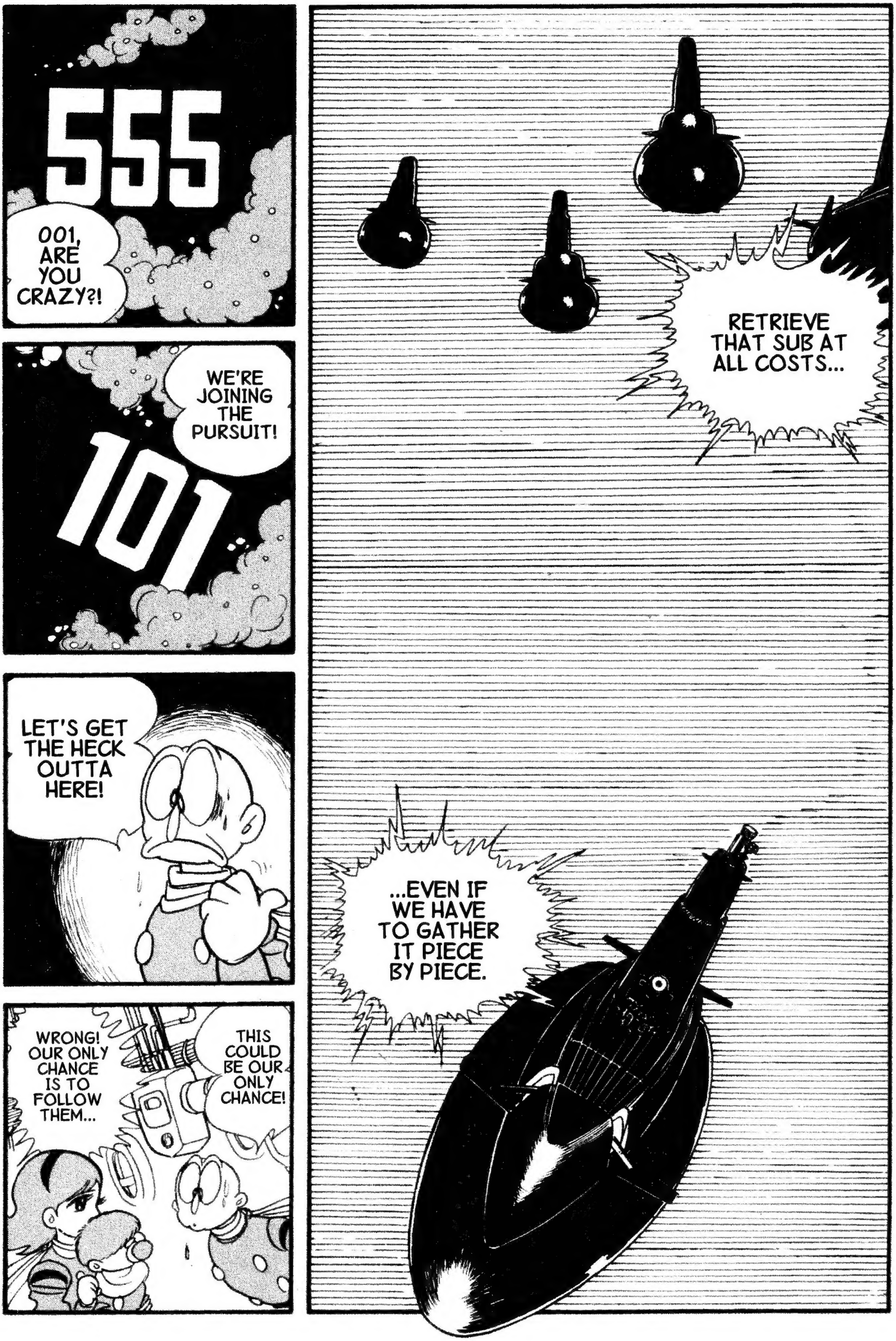
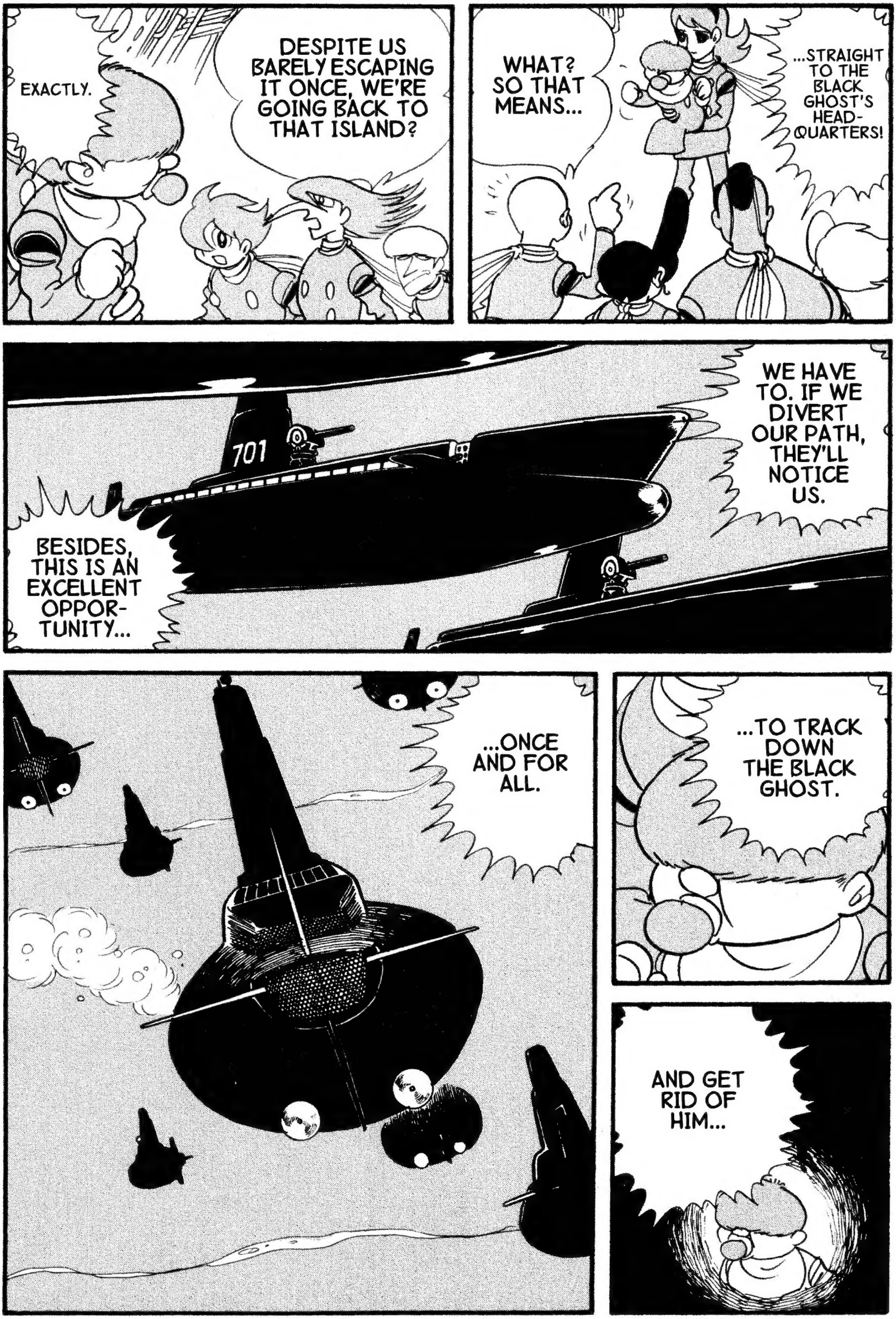
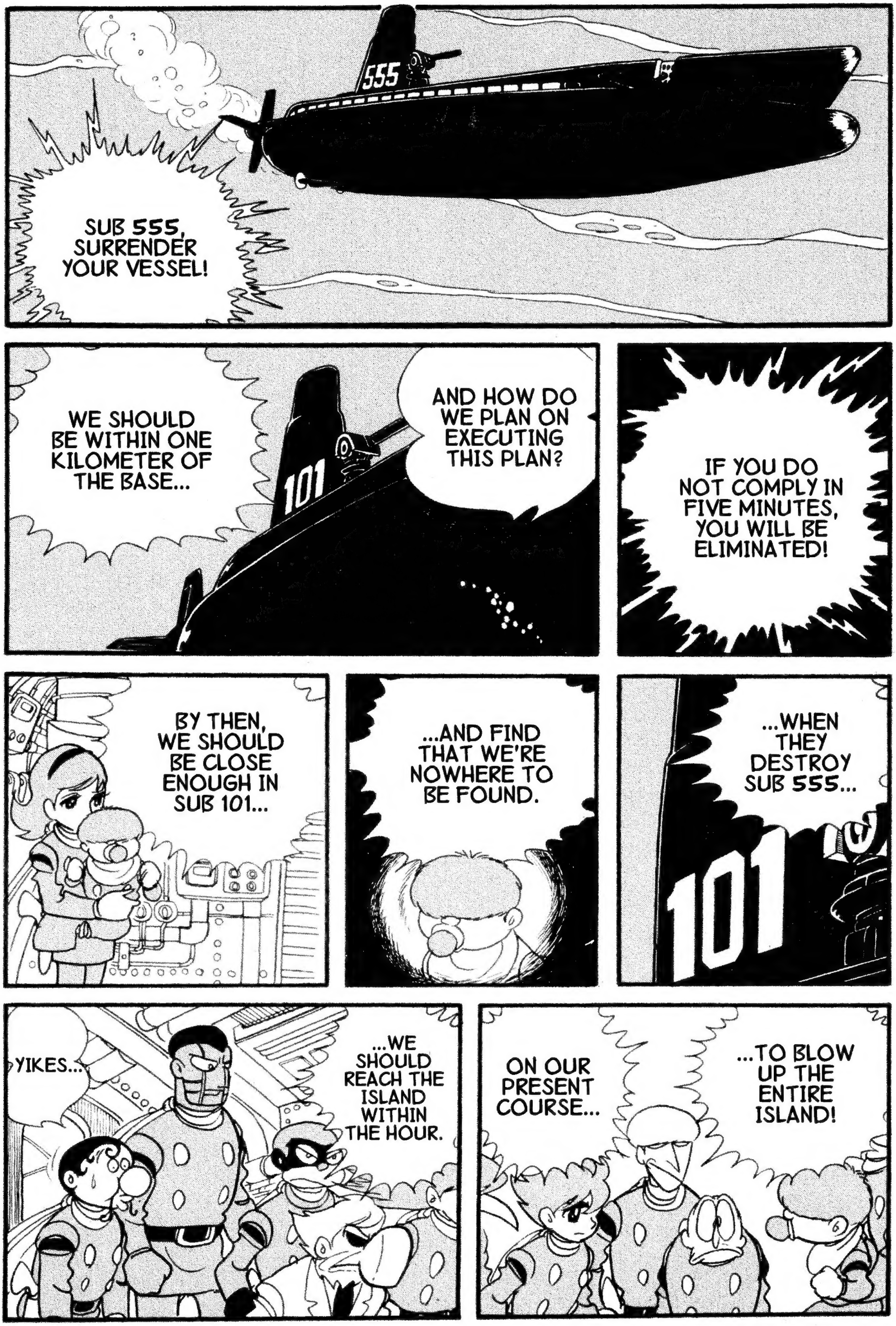
Shotaro Ishinomori

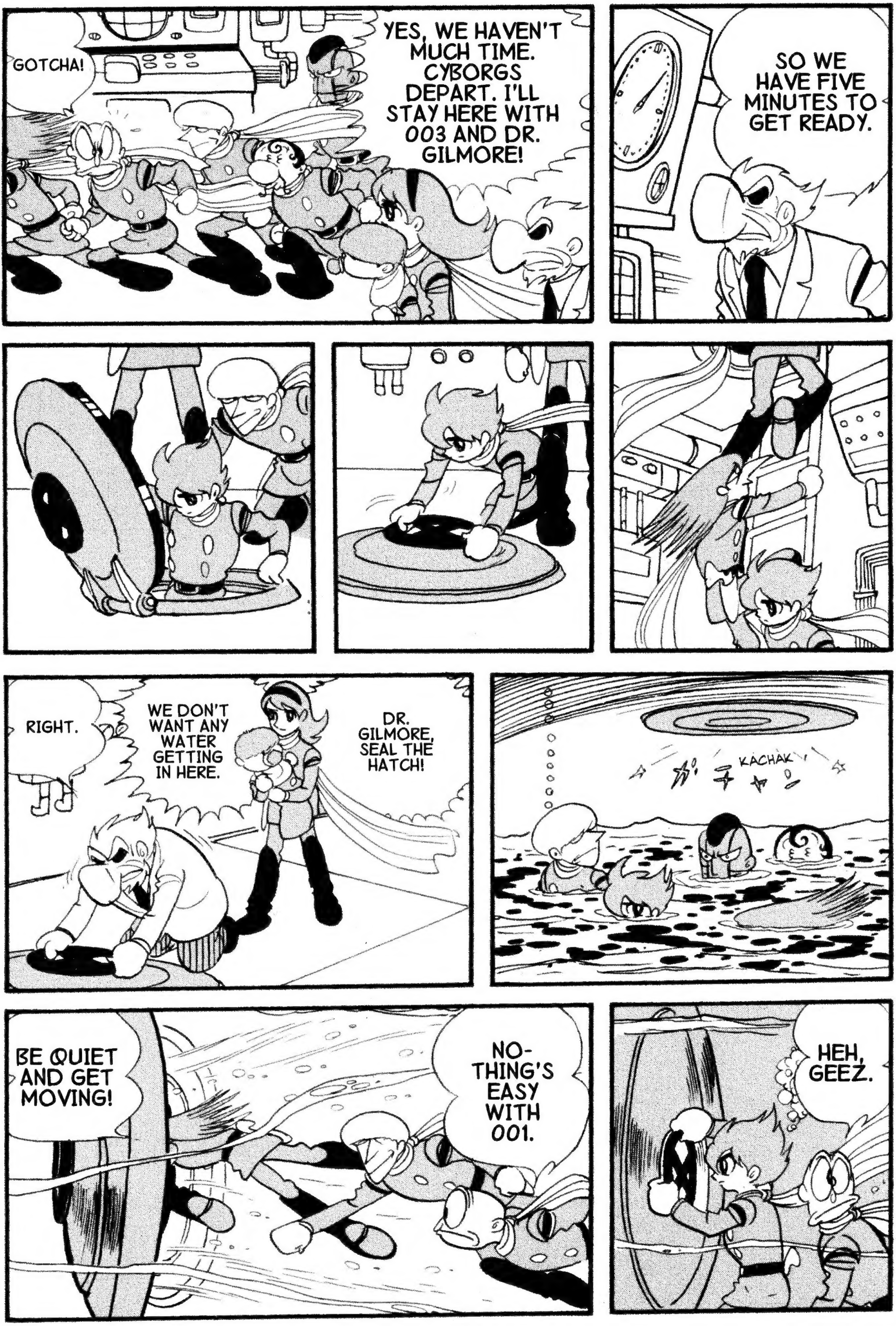
サイボーグ CYBORG 009

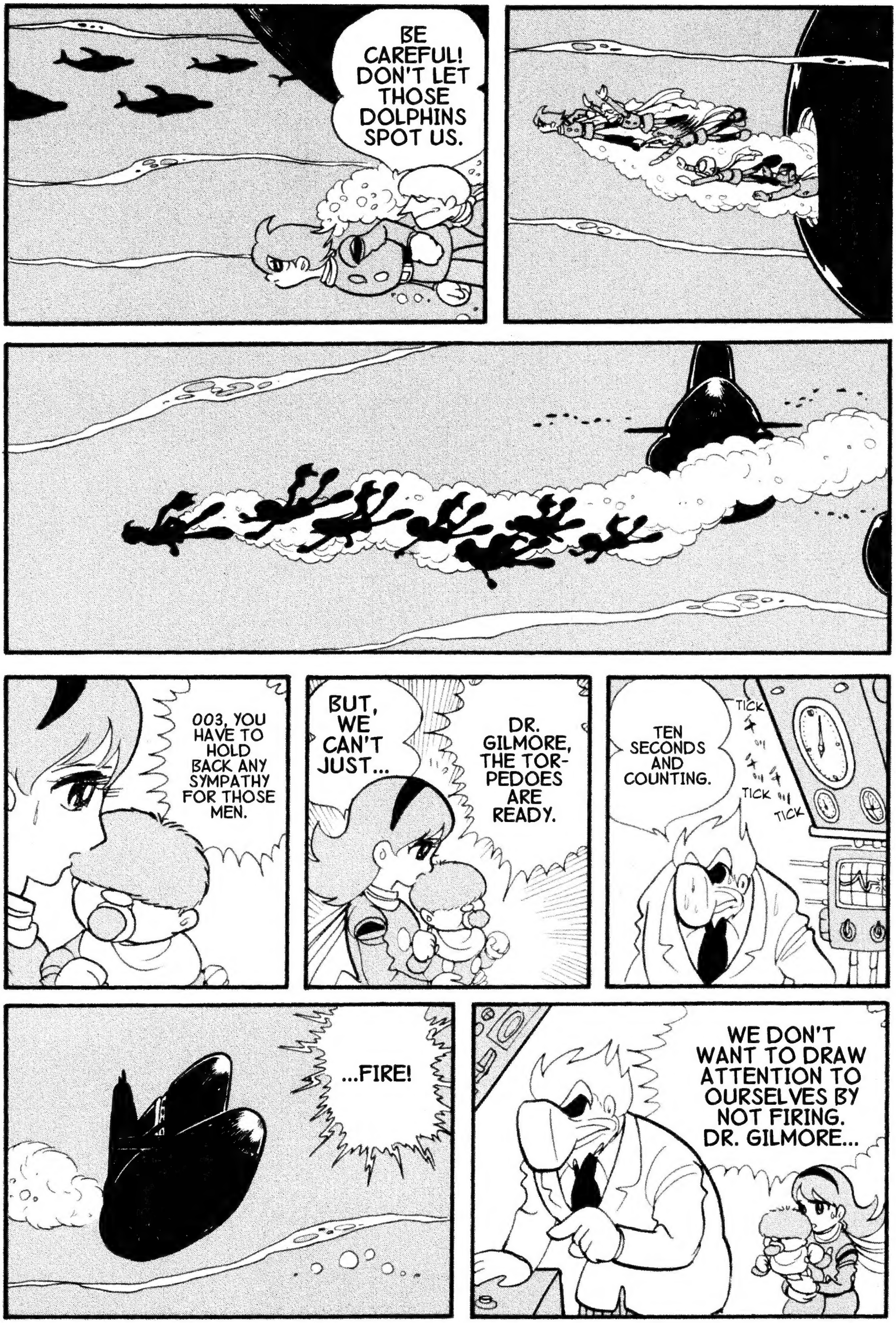

ATTENTION ALL SUBMARINES, WE ARE IN PURSUIT OF SUB 555!
555
SHNN
SHNN
IT'S BEEN HIJACKED BY THE CYBORGS.

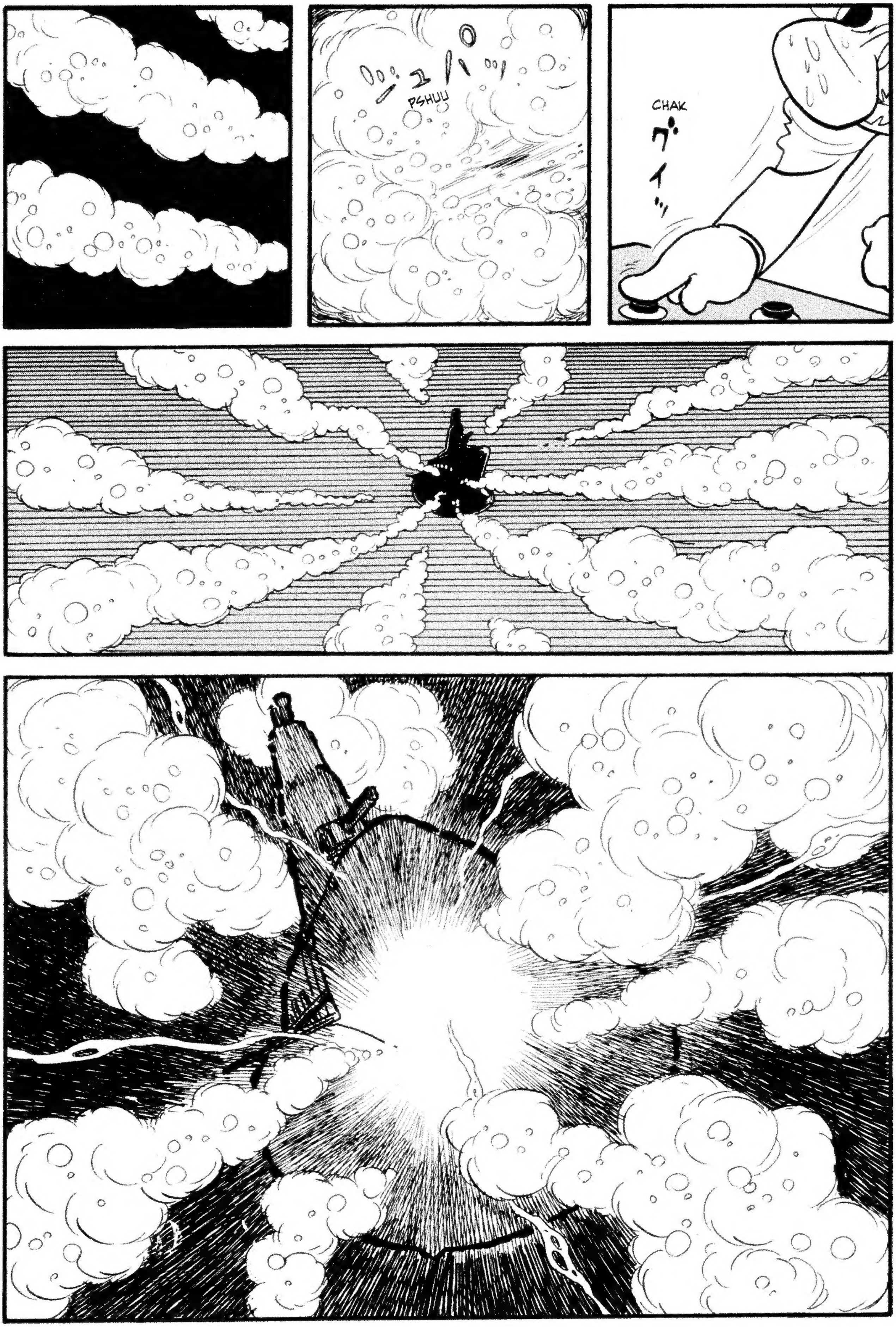

RETRIEVE THAT SUB AT ALL COSTS...
...EVEN IF WE HAVE TO GATHER IT PIECE BY PIECE.
555
001, ARE YOU CRAZY?!
101
WE'RE JOINING THE PURSUIT!
LET'S GET THE HECK OUTTA HERE!
THIS COULD BE OUR ONLY CHANCE!
WRONG! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO FOLLOW THEM...

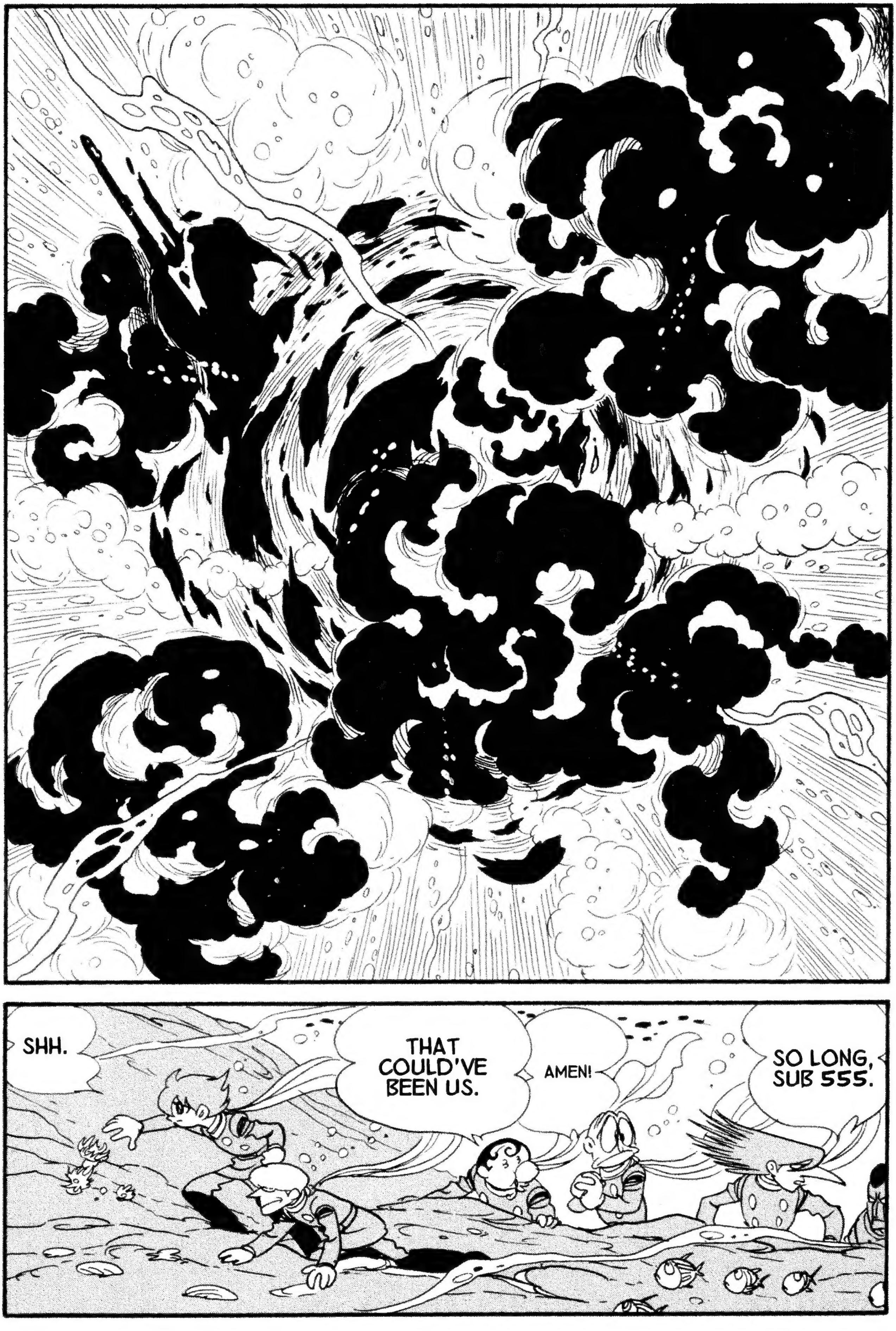

WHAT? SO THAT MEANS...
...STRAIGHT TO THE BLACK GHOST'S HEADQUARTERS!
DESPITE US BARELY ESCAPING IT ONCE, WE'RE GOING BACK TO THAT ISLAND?
EXACTLY.
WE HAVE TO. IF WE DIVERT OUR PATH, THEY'LL NOTICE US.
701
BESIDES, THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY...
...TO TRACK DOWN THE BLACK GHOST.
AND GET RID OF HIM...
...ONCE AND FOR ALL.

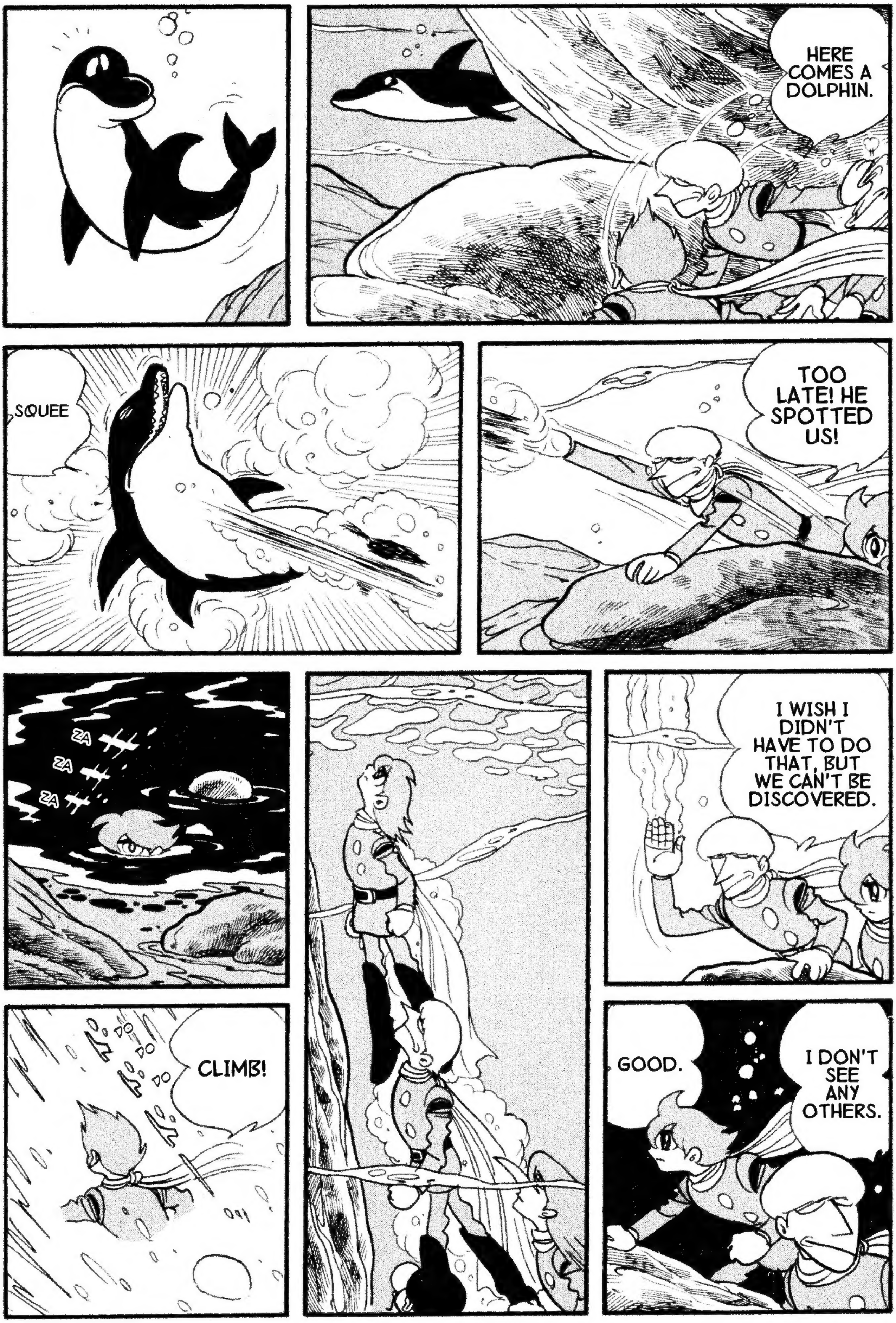

SUB 555, SURRENDER YOUR VESSEL!
IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY IN FIVE MINUTES, YOU WILL BE ELIMINATED!
555
AND HOW DO WE PLAN ON EXECUTING THIS PLAN?
WE SHOULD BE WITHIN ONE KILOMETER OF THE BASE...
101
...WHEN THEY DESTROY SUB 555...
101
...AND FIND THAT WE'RE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
BY THEN, WE SHOULD BE CLOSE ENOUGH IN SUB 101...
...TO BLOW UP THE ENTIRE ISLAND!
ON OUR PRESENT COURSE...
...WE SHOULD REACH THE ISLAND WITHIN THE HOUR.
YIKES...

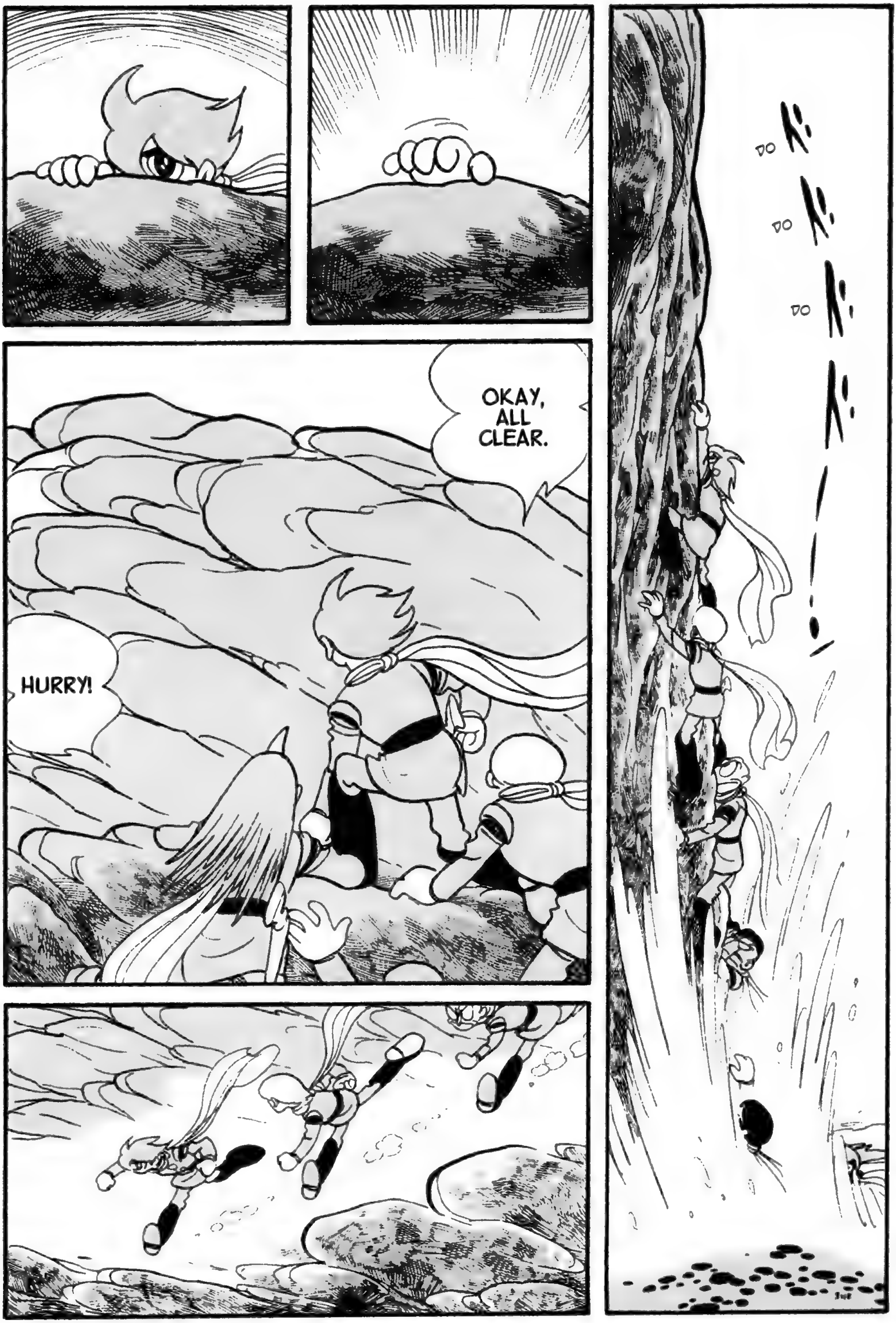

GOTCHA!
YES, WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME. CYBORGS DEPART. I'LL STAY HERE WITH 003 AND DR. GILMORE!
SO WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO GET READY.
RIGHT.
WE DON'T WANT ANY WATER GETTING IN HERE.
DR. GILMORE, SEAL THE HATCH!
KACHAK
BE QUIET AND GET MOVING!
NO-THING'S EASY WITH 001.
HEH, GEEZ.


BE CAREFUL! DON'T LET THOSE DOLPHINS SPOT US.
003, YOU HAVE TO HOLD BACK ANY SYMPATHY FOR THOSE MEN.
BUT, WE CAN'T JUST...
DR. GILMORE, THE TORPEDOES ARE READY.
TEN SECONDS AND COUNTING.
TICK
TICK
TICK
...FIRE!
WE DON'T WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO OURSELVES BY NOT FIRING. DR. GILMORE...


グイッ
CHAK
ジュパッ
PSHUU


SHH.
THAT COULD'VE BEEN US.
AMEN!
SO LONG, SUB 555.


HERE COMES A DOLPHIN.
TOO LATE! HE SPOTTED US!
SQUEE
I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT, BUT WE CAN'T BE DISCOVERED.
I DON'T SEE ANY OTHERS.
GOOD.
ZA
ZA
ZA
CLIMB!
DO
DO
DO


OKAY, ALL CLEAR.
HURRY!
DO
DO
DO
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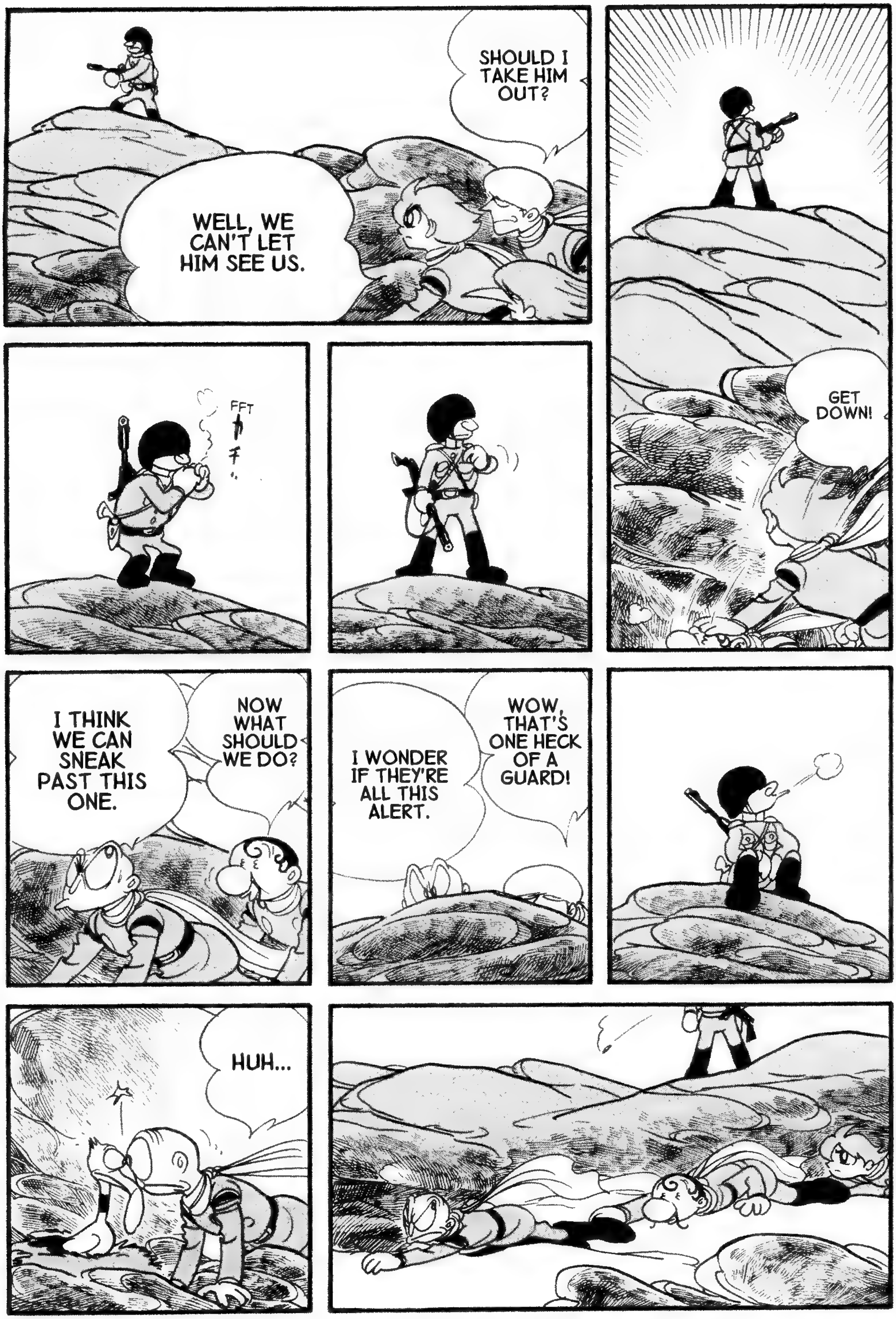
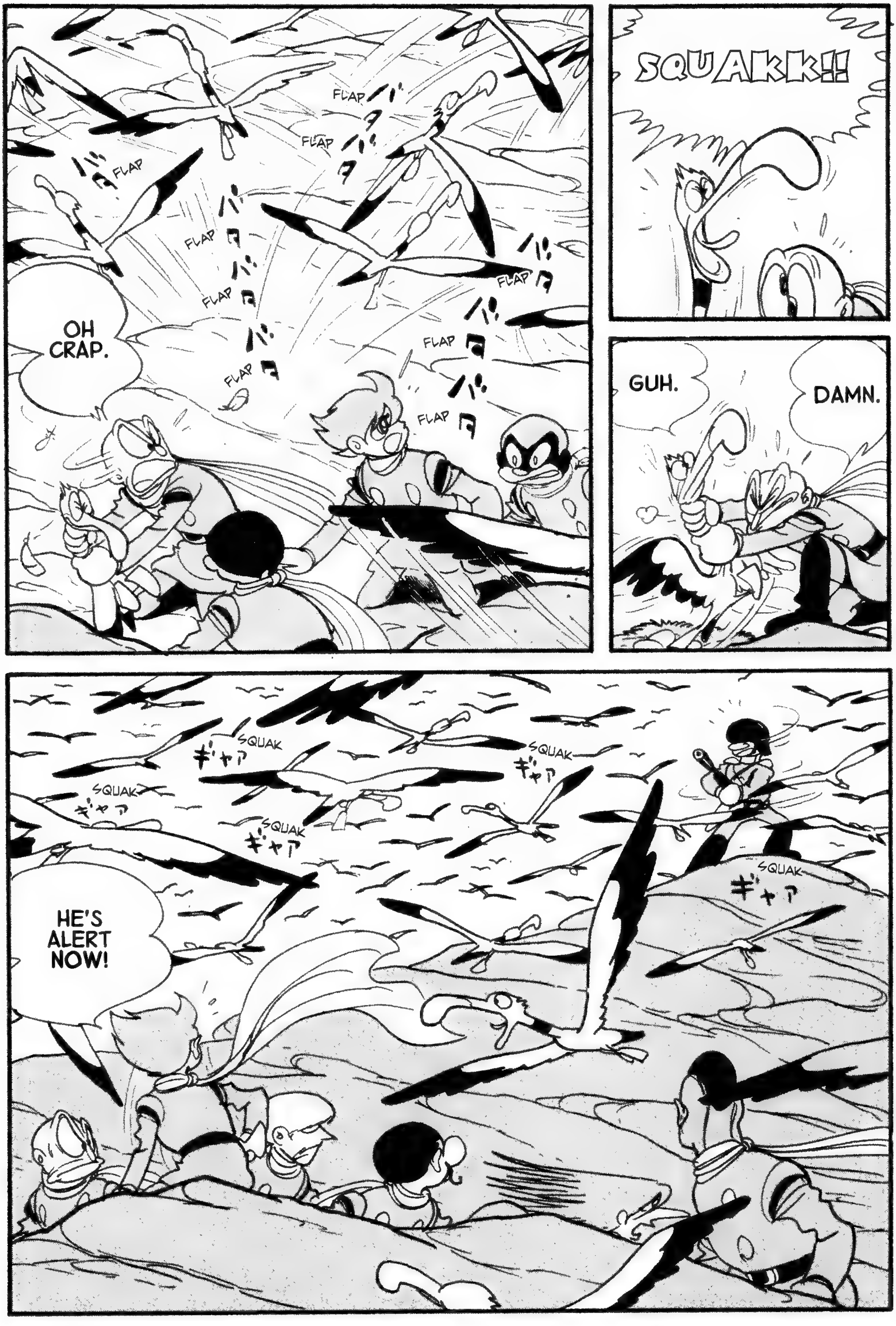

SHOULD I TAKE HIM OUT?
WELL, WE CAN'T LET HIM SEE US.
GET DOWN!
FFT カチ
NOW WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I THINK WE CAN SNEAK PAST THIS ONE.
WOW, THAT'S ONE HECK OF A GUARD!
I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALL THIS ALERT.
HUH...


FLAP バタ
FLAP バタ
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FLAP バタ
OH CRAP.
SQUAKK!!
GUH.
DAMN.
SQUAK ギャア
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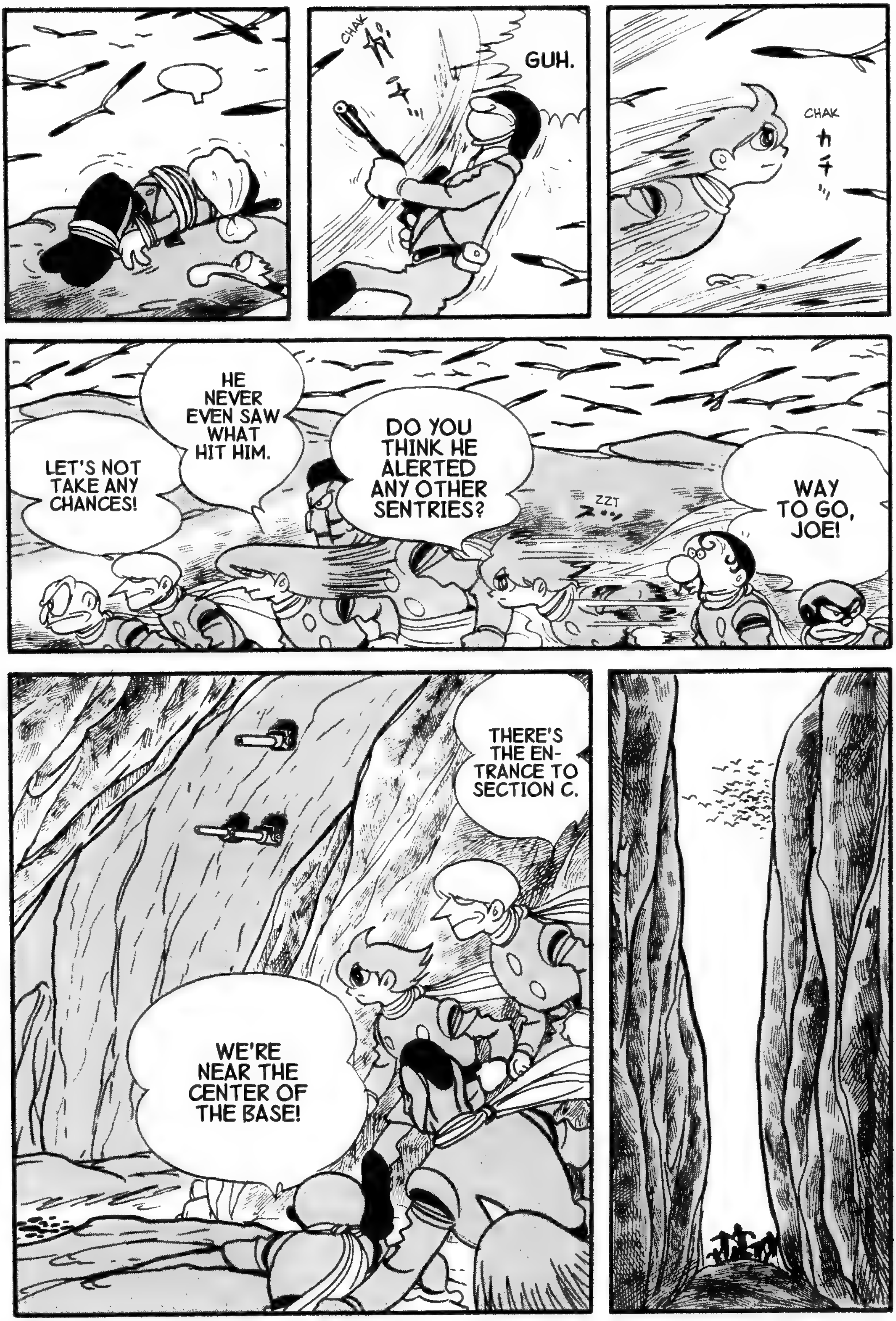
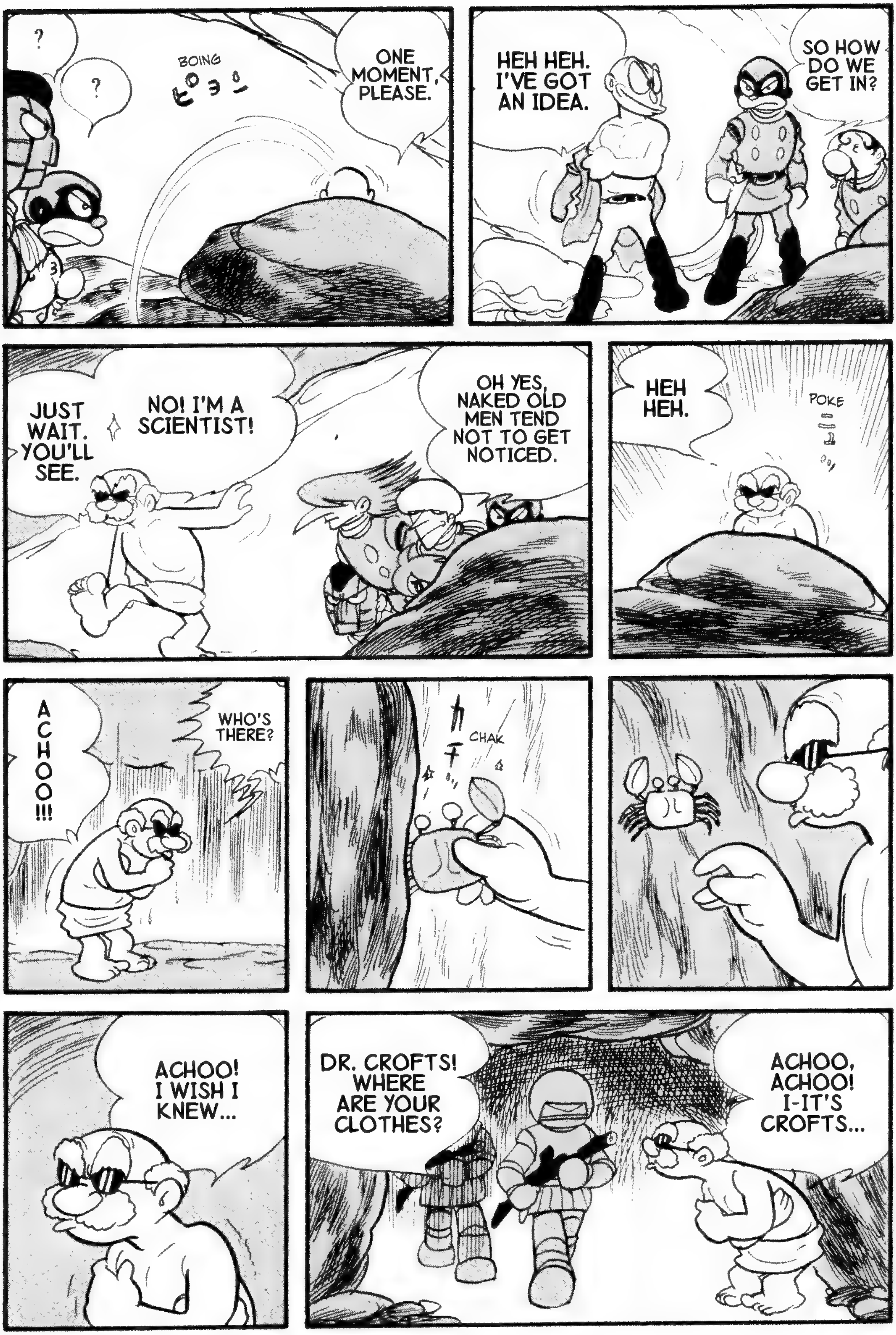
SQUAK ギャア
HE'S ALERT NOW!


CHAK
カチッ
CHAK
GUH.
WAY TO GO, JOE!
ZZT
ズッ
DO YOU THINK HE ALERTED ANY OTHER SENTRIES?
HE NEVER EVEN SAW WHAT HIT HIM.
LET'S NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES!
THERE'S THE ENTRANCE TO SECTION C.
WE'RE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE BASE!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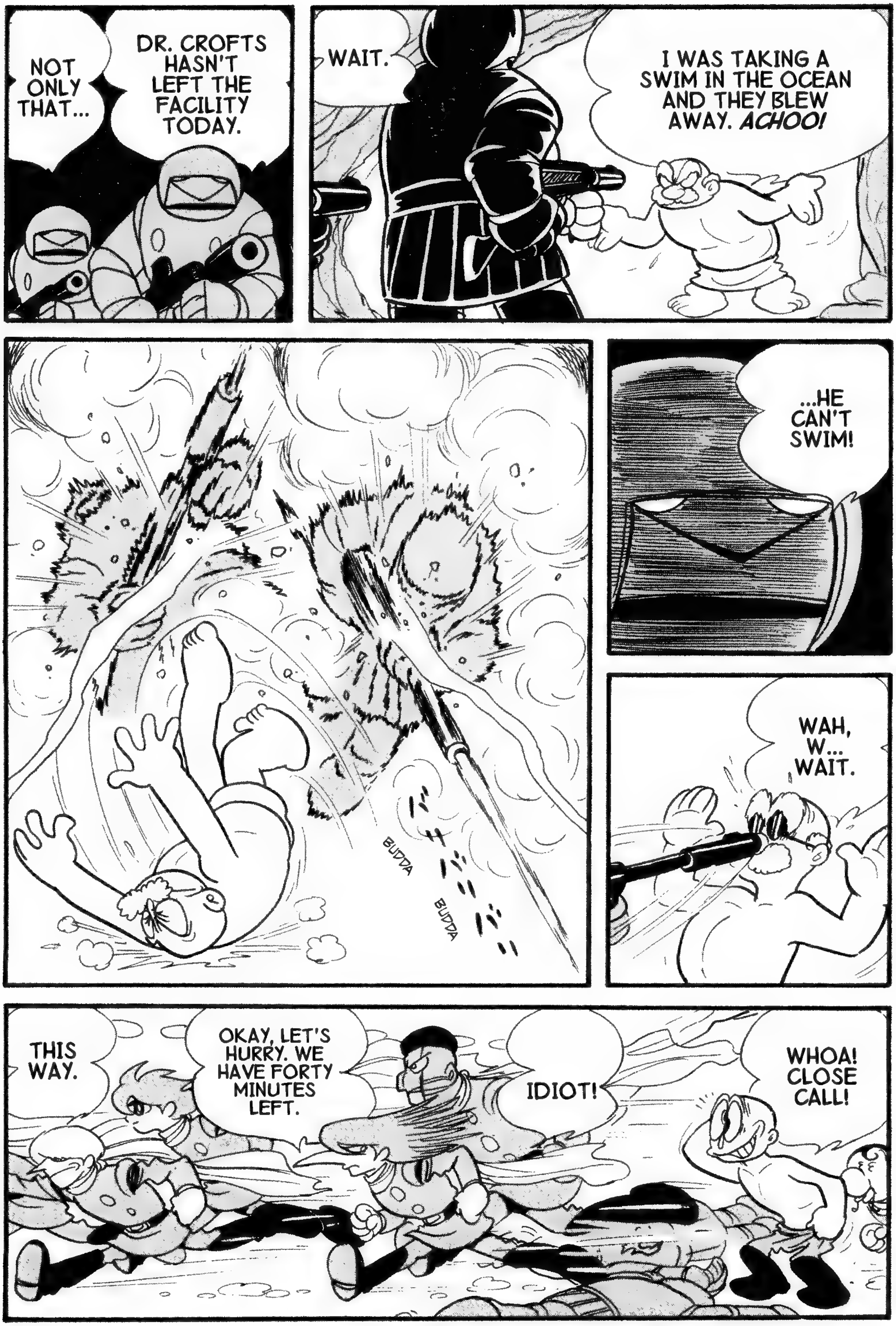
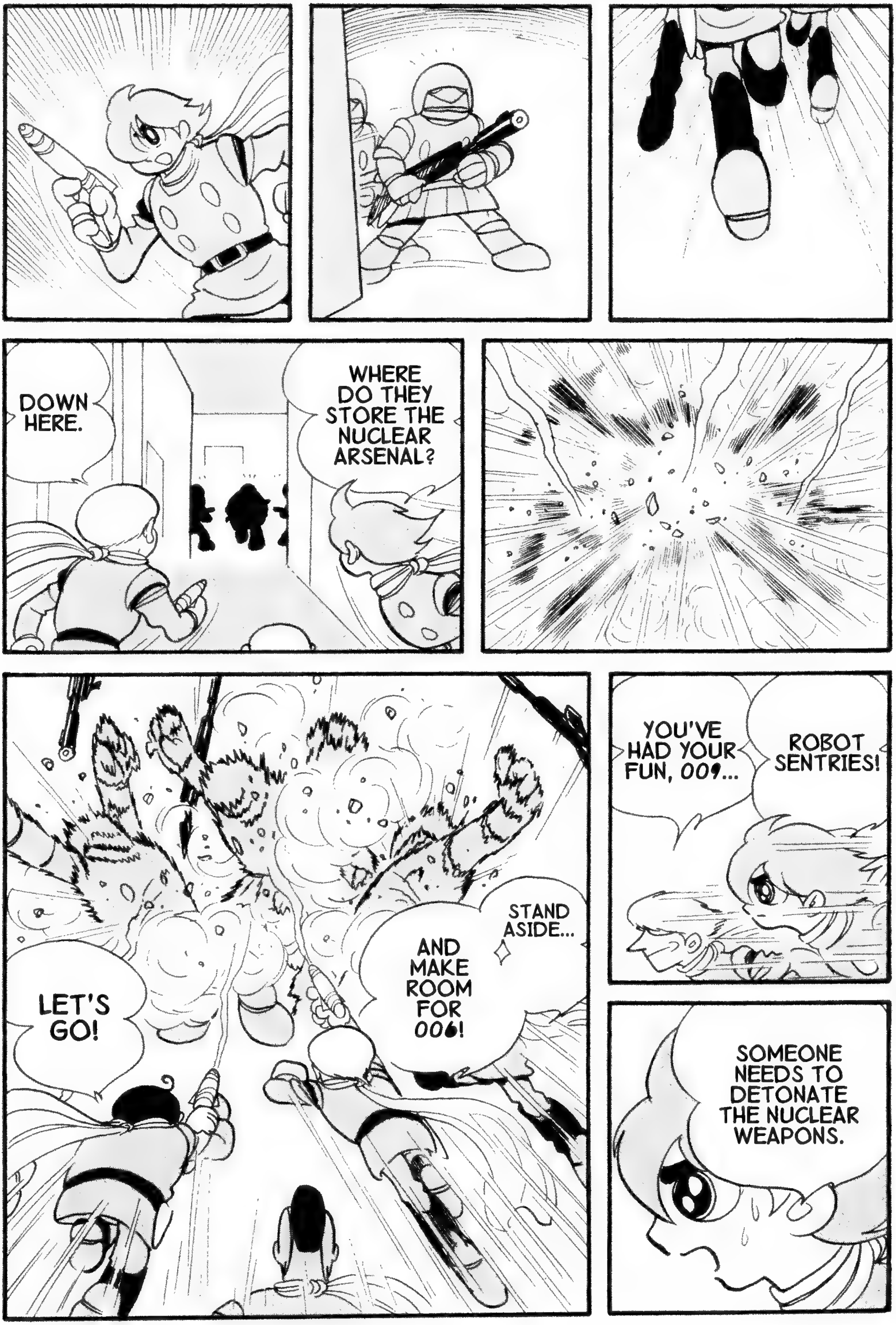
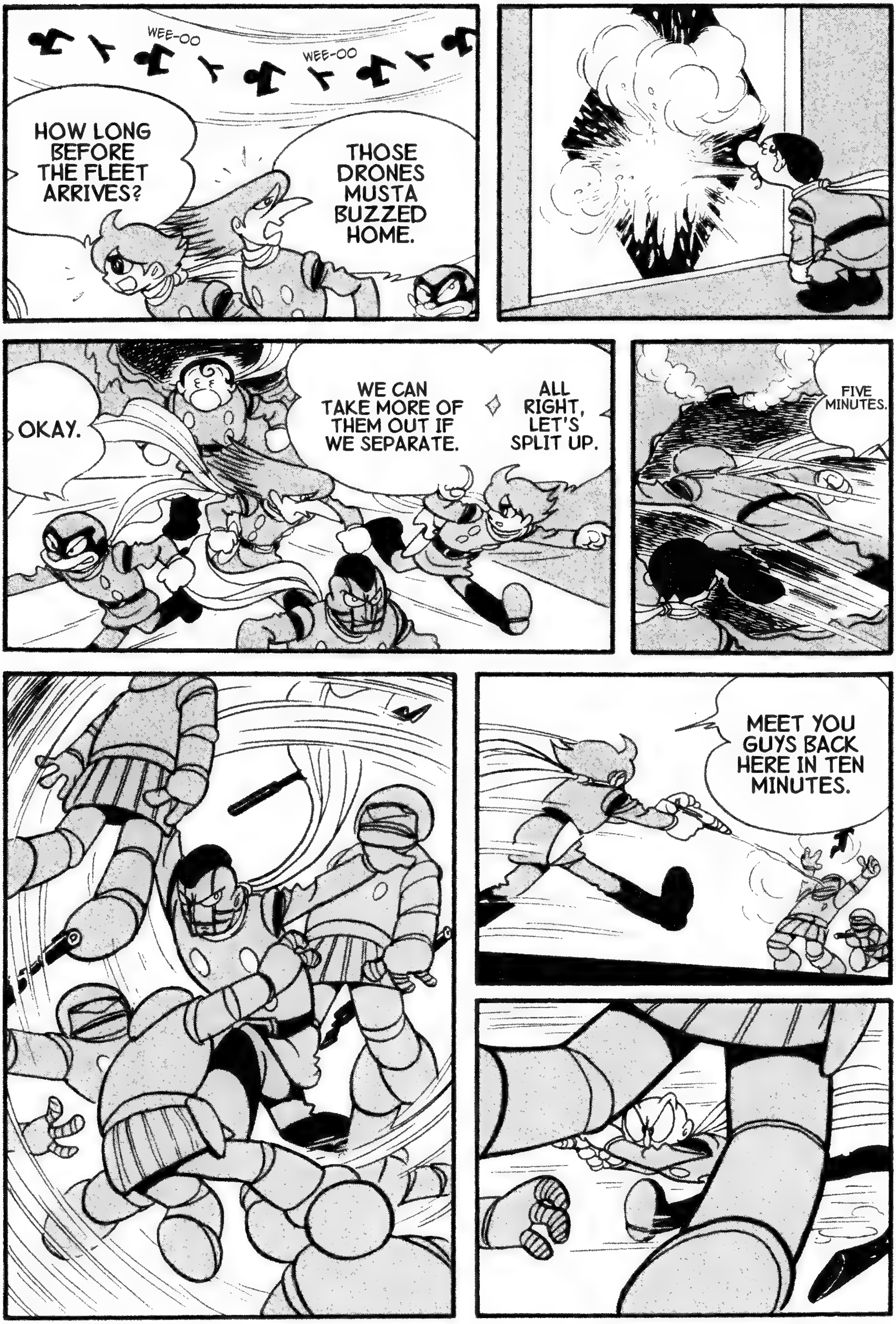
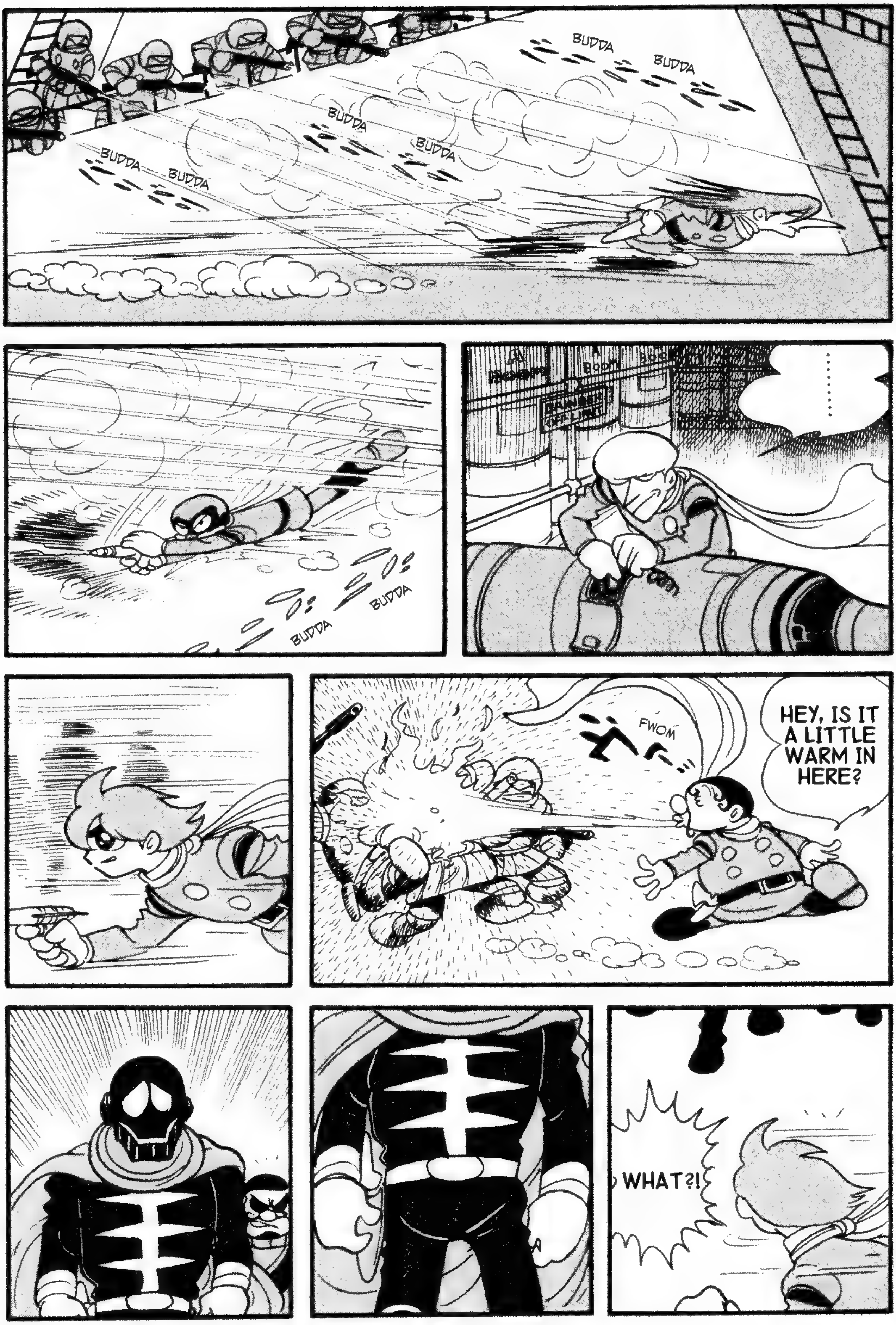
BOING
ピョン
ONE MOMENT, PLEASE.
SO HOW DO WE GET IN?
HEH HEH. I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
JUST WAIT. YOU'LL SEE.
NO! I'M A SCIENTIST!
OH YES, NAKED OLD MEN TEND NOT TO GET NOTICED.
HEH HEH.
POKE
ACHOO!!!
WHO'S THERE?
カチ
CHAK
ACHOO! I WISH I KNEW...
DR. CROFTS! WHERE ARE YOUR CLOTHES?
ACHOO, ACHOO! I-IT'S CROFTS...


NOT ONLY THAT...
DR. CROFTS HASN'T LEFT THE FACILITY TODAY.
WAIT.
I WAS TAKING A SWIM IN THE OCEAN AND THEY BLEW AWAY. *ACHOO!*
BUDDA BUDDA
...HE CAN'T SWIM!
WAH, W... WAIT.
THIS WAY.
OKAY, LET'S HURRY. WE HAVE FORTY MINUTES LEFT.
IDIOT!
WHOA! CLOSE CALL!


WHERE DO THEY STORE THE NUCLEAR ARSENAL?
DOWN HERE.
ROBOT SENTRIES!
YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN, 009...
STAND ASIDE...
AND MAKE ROOM FOR 006!
LET'S GO!
SOMEONE NEEDS TO DETONATE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.


WEE-OO
WEE-OO
HOW LONG BEFORE THE FLEET ARRIVES?
THOSE DRONES MUSTA BUZZED HOME.
OKAY.
WE CAN TAKE MORE OF THEM OUT IF WE SEPARATE.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SPLIT UP.
FIVE MINUTES.
MEET YOU GUYS BACK HERE IN TEN MINUTES.


BUDDA
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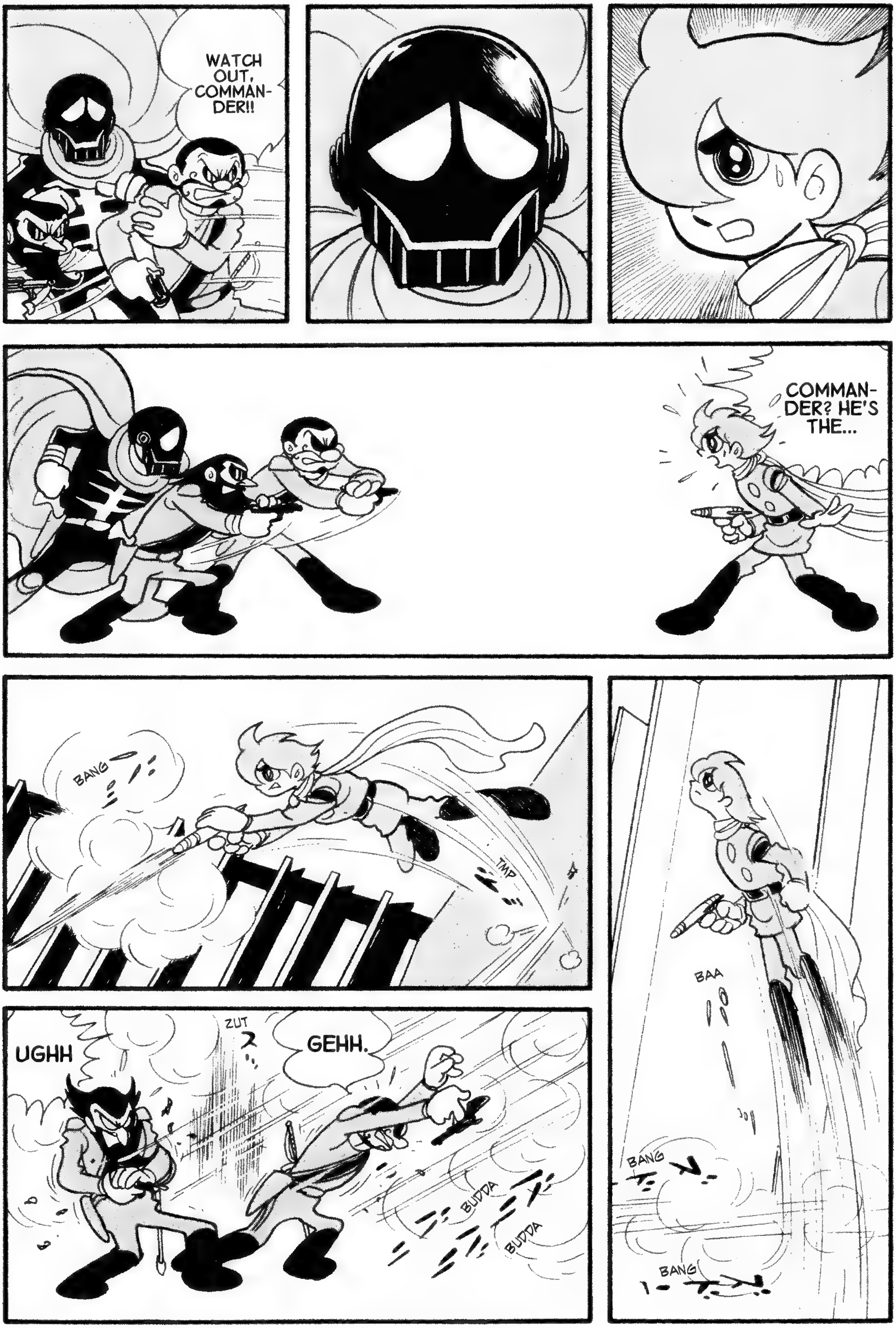
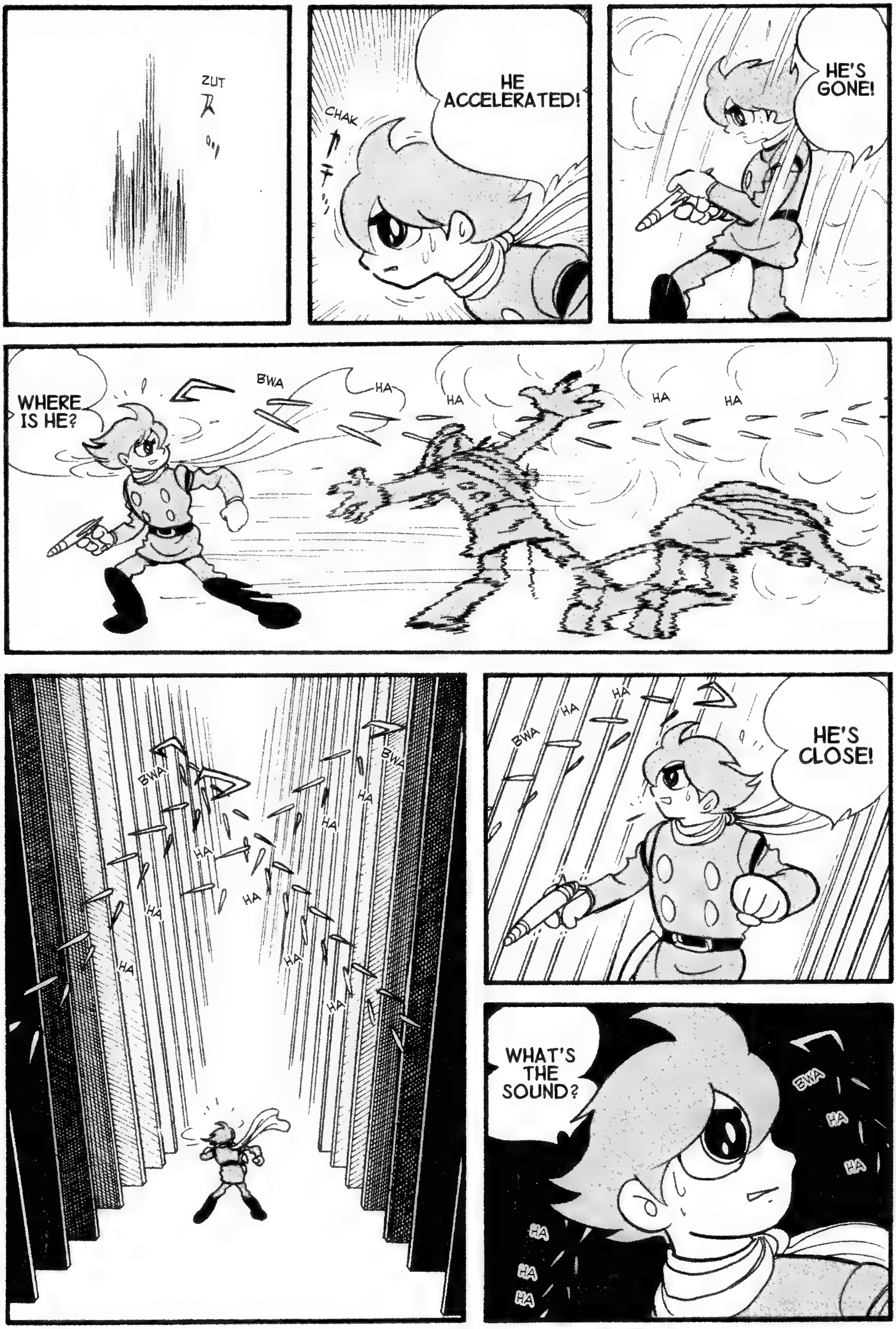
BOOM
Boom
DANGER OFF LIMITS
....
FWOM
HEY, IS IT A LITTLE WARM IN HERE?
WHAT?!


WATCH OUT, COMMANDER!!
COMMANDER? HE'S THE...
BANG
TMP
BAA
BANG
BANG
UGHH
ZUT
GEHH.
BUDDA
BUDDA


ZUT
HE ACCELERATED!
CHAK
HE'S GONE!
WHERE IS HE?
BWA
HA
HA
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BWA
BWA
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HA
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BWA
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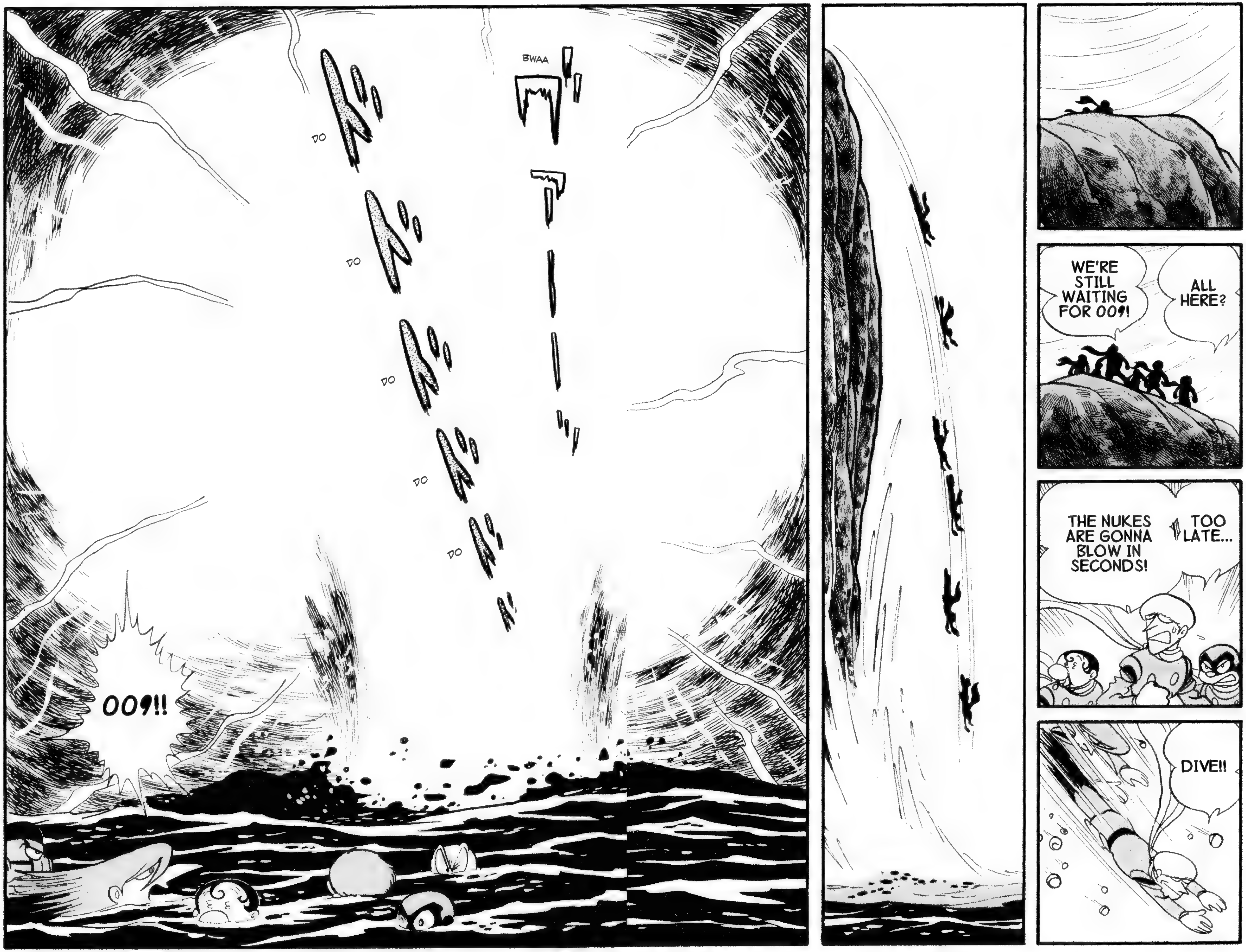
HA
HE'S CLOSE!
WHAT'S THE SOUND?
BWA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA


ALL HERE?
WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR 009!
TOO LATE...
THE NUKES ARE GONNA BLOW IN SECONDS!
DIVE!!
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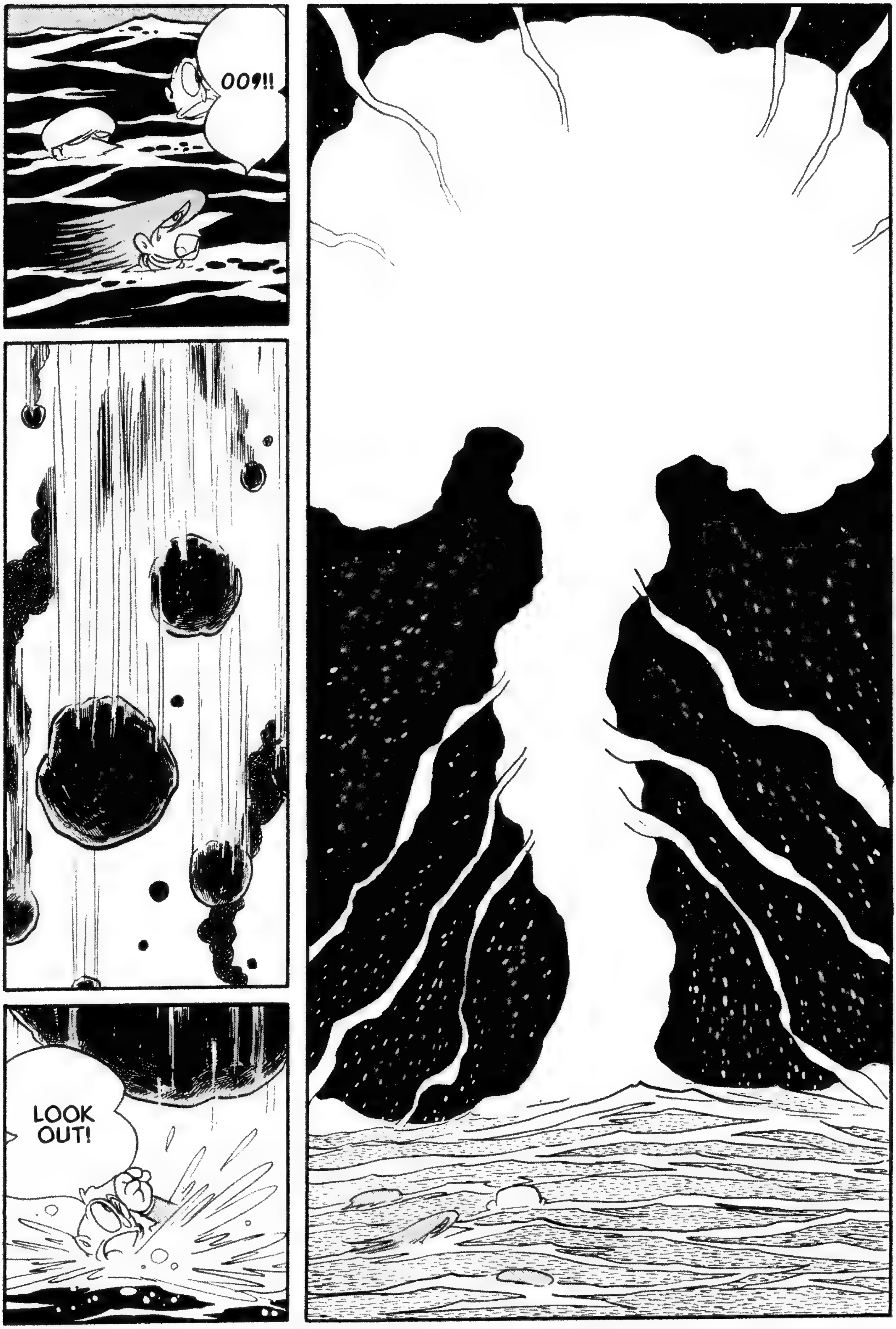
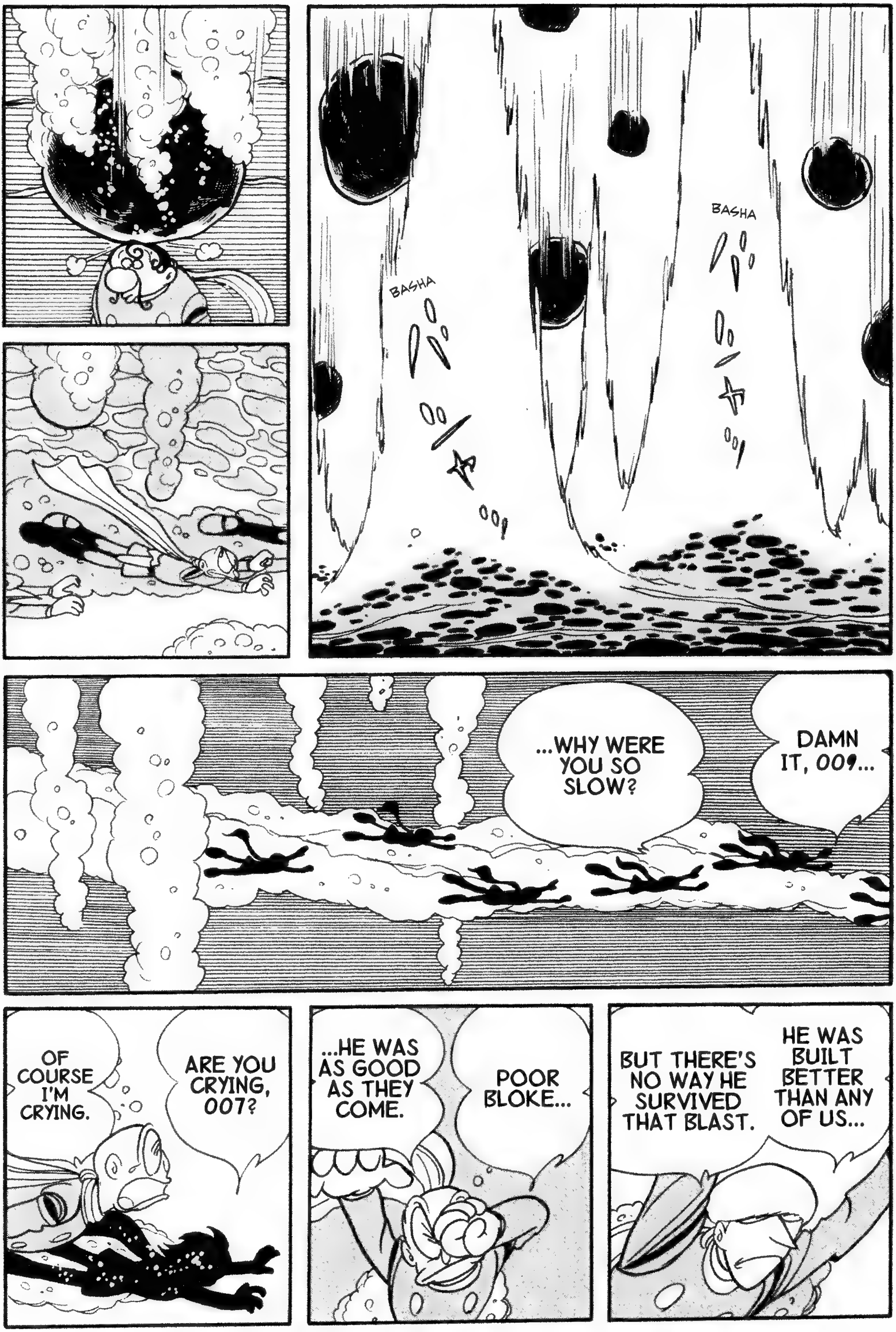
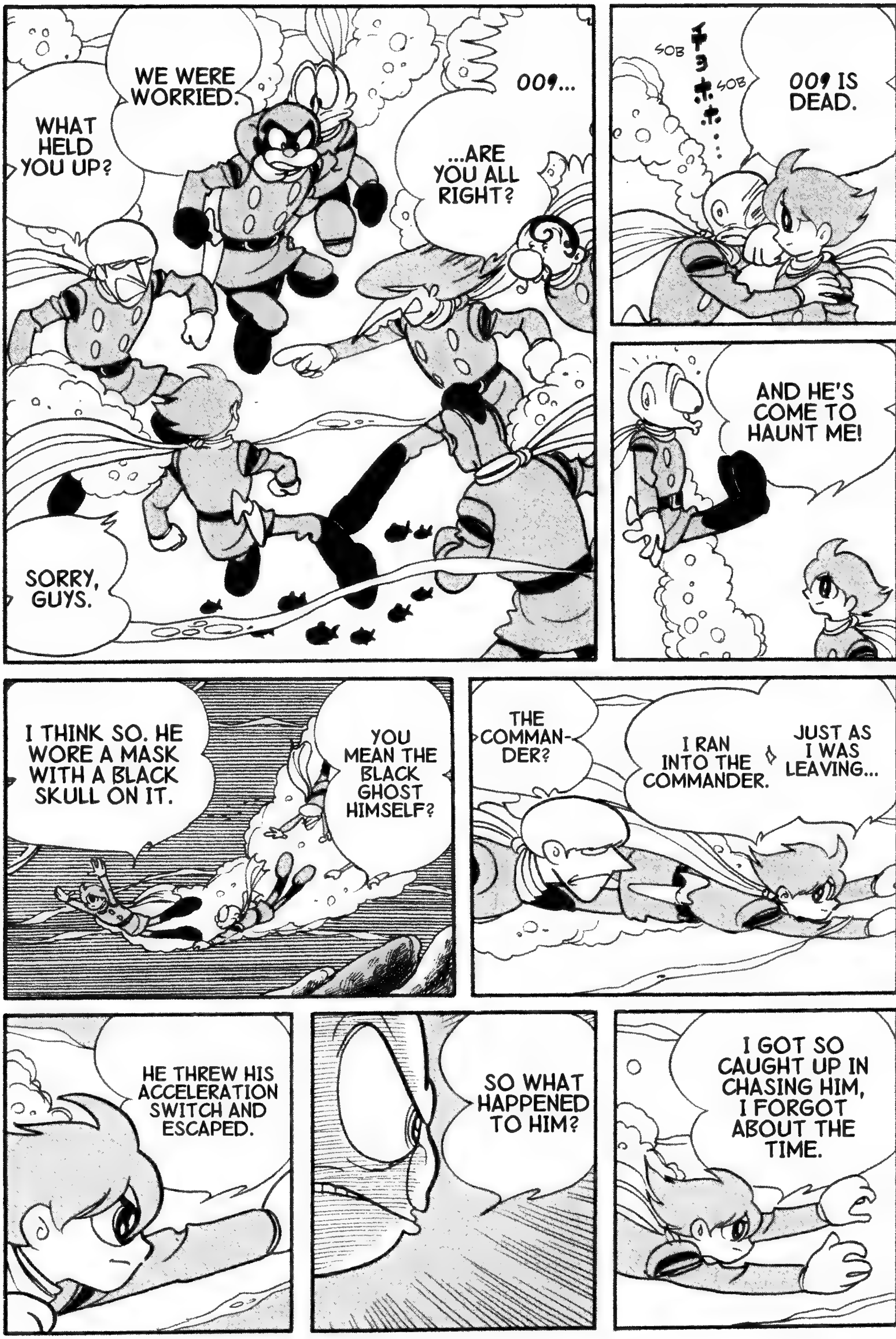
009!!


009!!
LOOK OUT!


BASHA
BASHA
DAMN IT, 009...
...WHY WERE YOU SO SLOW?
HE WAS BUILT BETTER THAN ANY OF US...
BUT THERE'S NO WAY HE SURVIVED THAT BLAST.
POOR BLOKE...
...HE WAS AS GOOD AS THEY COME.
ARE YOU CRYING, 007?
OF COURSE I'M CRYING.


SOB
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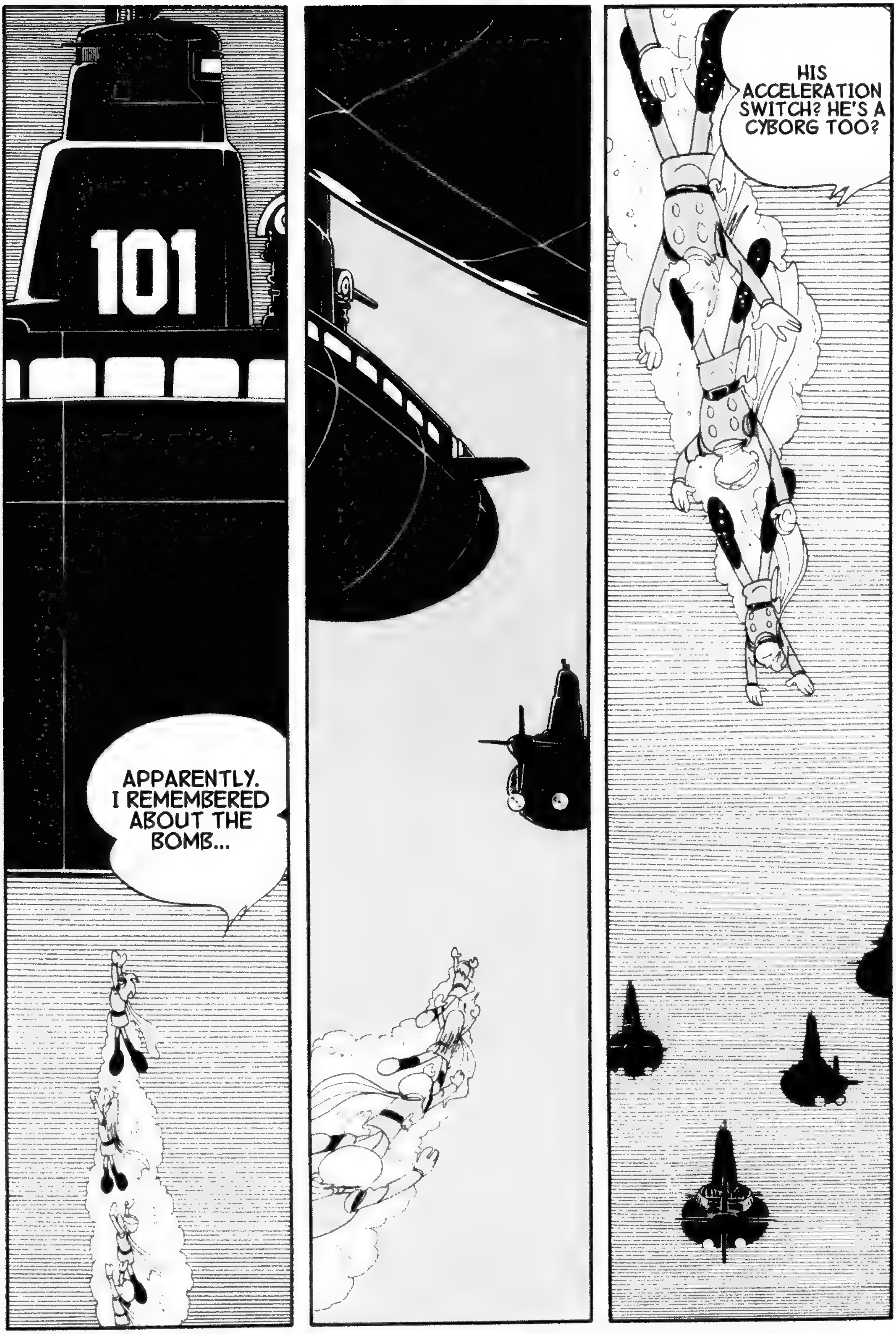
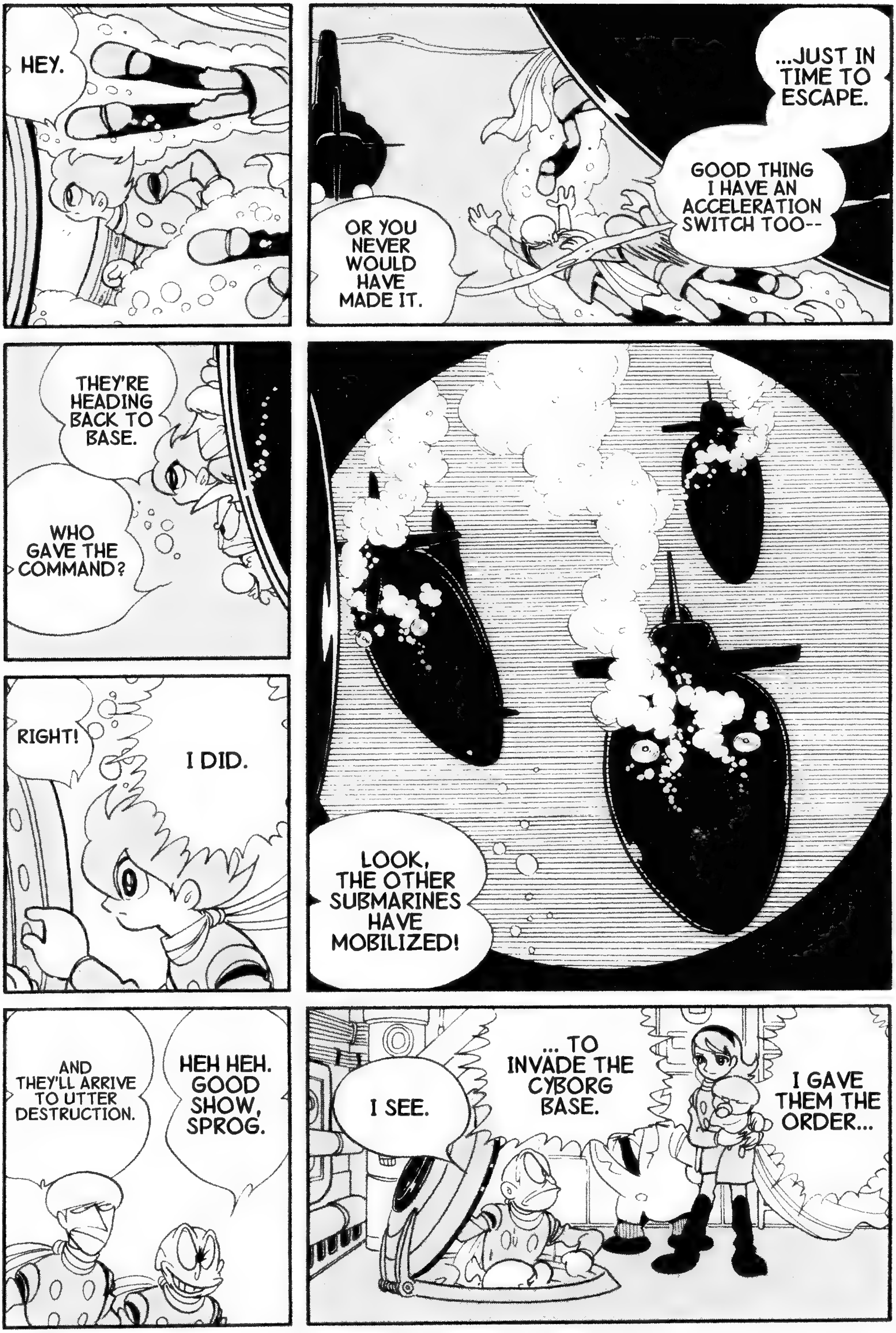
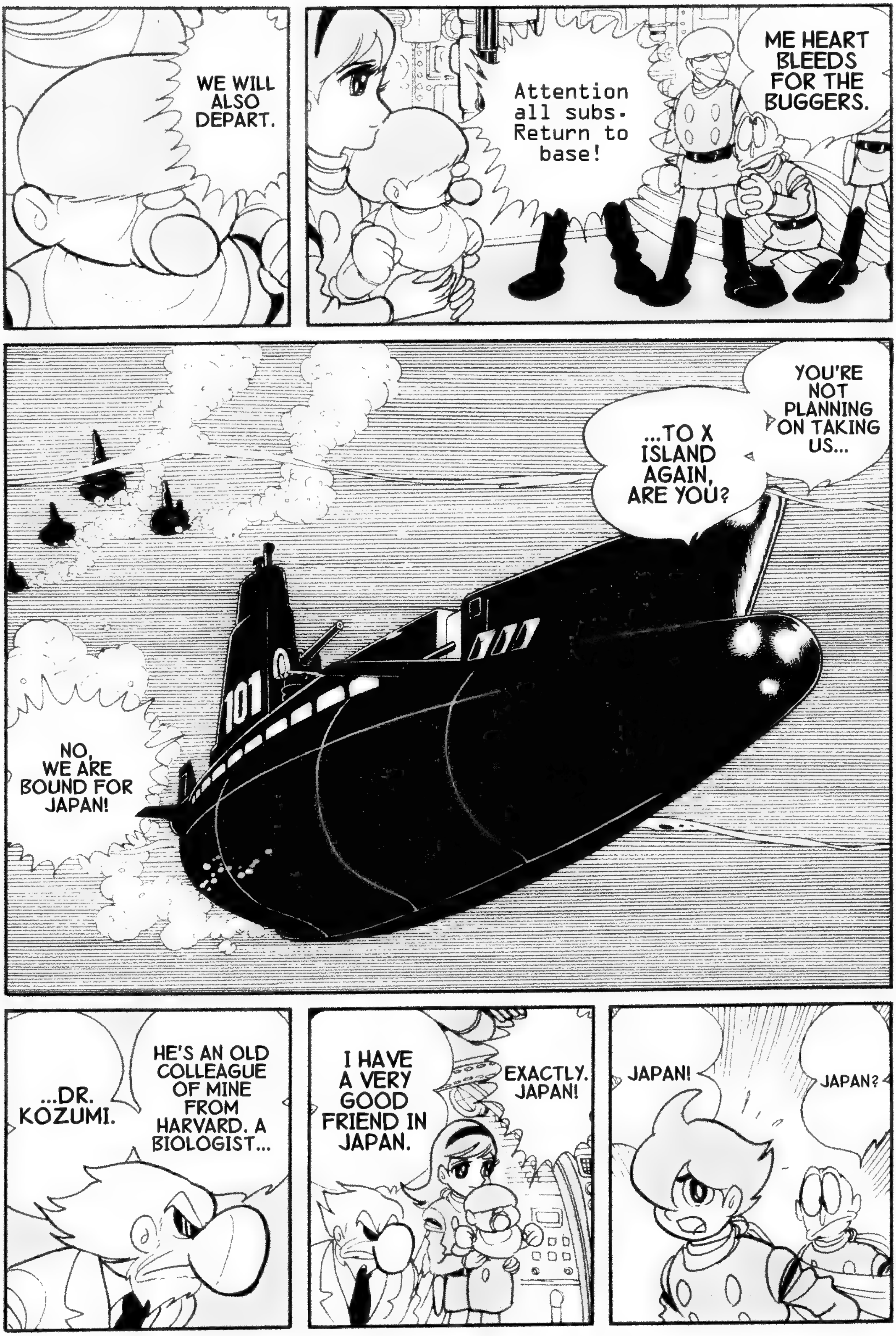
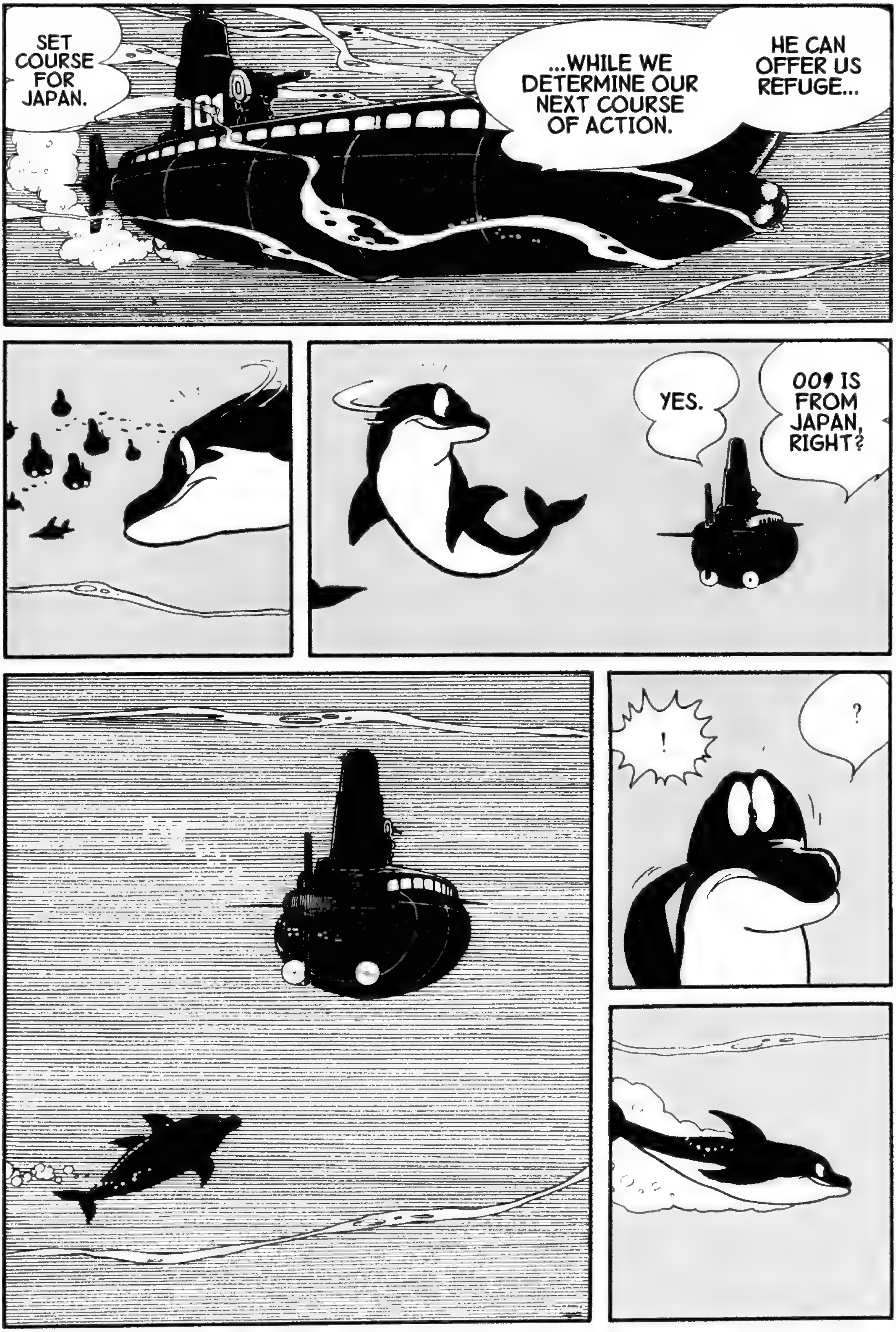
SOB
009 IS DEAD.
AND HE'S COME TO HAUNT ME!
009...
...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WE WERE WORRIED.
WHAT HELD YOU UP?
SORRY, GUYS.
JUST AS I WAS LEAVING...
I RAN INTO THE COMMANDER.
THE COMMANDER?
YOU MEAN THE BLACK GHOST HIMSELF?
I THINK SO. HE WORE A MASK WITH A BLACK SKULL ON IT.
I GOT SO CAUGHT UP IN CHASING HIM, I FORGOT ABOUT THE TIME.
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
HE THREW HIS ACCELERATION SWITCH AND ESCAPED.


HIS ACCELERATION SWITCH? HE'S A CYBORG TOO?
APPARENTLY. I REMEMBERED ABOUT THE BOMB...
101


...JUST IN TIME TO ESCAPE.
GOOD THING I HAVE AN ACCELERATION SWITCH TOO--
OR YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT.
HEY.
LOOK, THE OTHER SUBMARINES HAVE MOBILIZED!
THEY'RE HEADING BACK TO BASE.
WHO GAVE THE COMMAND?
I DID.
RIGHT!
I GAVE THEM THE ORDER...
... TO INVADE THE CYBORG BASE.
I SEE.
HEH HEH. GOOD SHOW, SPROG.
AND THEY'LL ARRIVE TO UTTER DESTRUCTION.


ME HEART BLEEDS FOR THE BUGGERS.
Attention all subs. Return to base!
WE WILL ALSO DEPART.
YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON TAKING US...
...TO X ISLAND AGAIN, ARE YOU?
NO, WE ARE BOUND FOR JAPAN!
101
JAPAN?
JAPAN!
EXACTLY. JAPAN!
I HAVE A VERY GOOD FRIEND IN JAPAN.
HE'S AN OLD COLLEAGUE OF MINE FROM HARVARD. A BIOLOGIST...
...DR. KOZUMI.


SET COURSE FOR JAPAN.
HE CAN OFFER US REFUGE...
...WHILE WE DETERMINE OUR NEXT COURSE OF ACTION.
009 IS FROM JAPAN, RIGHT?
YES.
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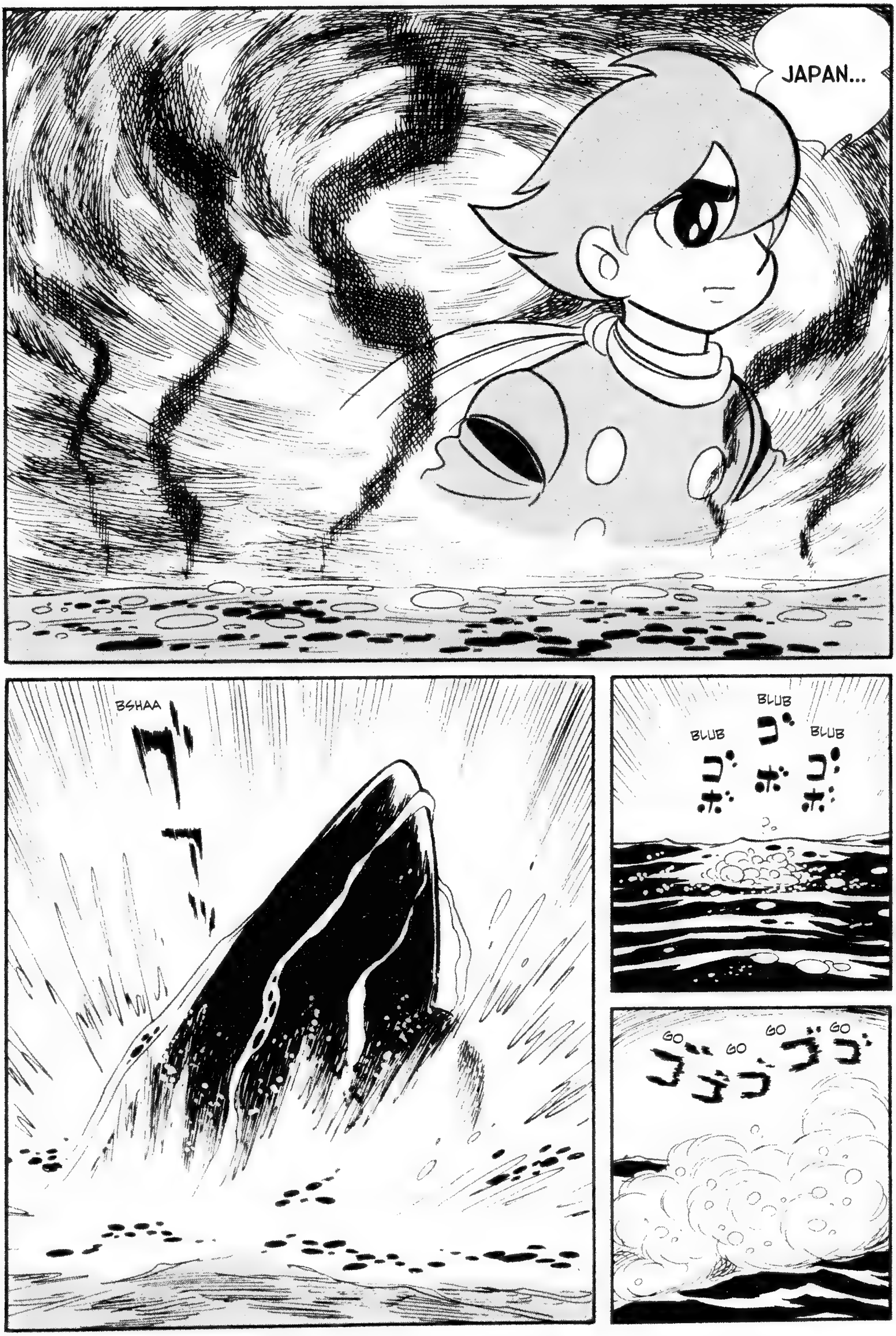
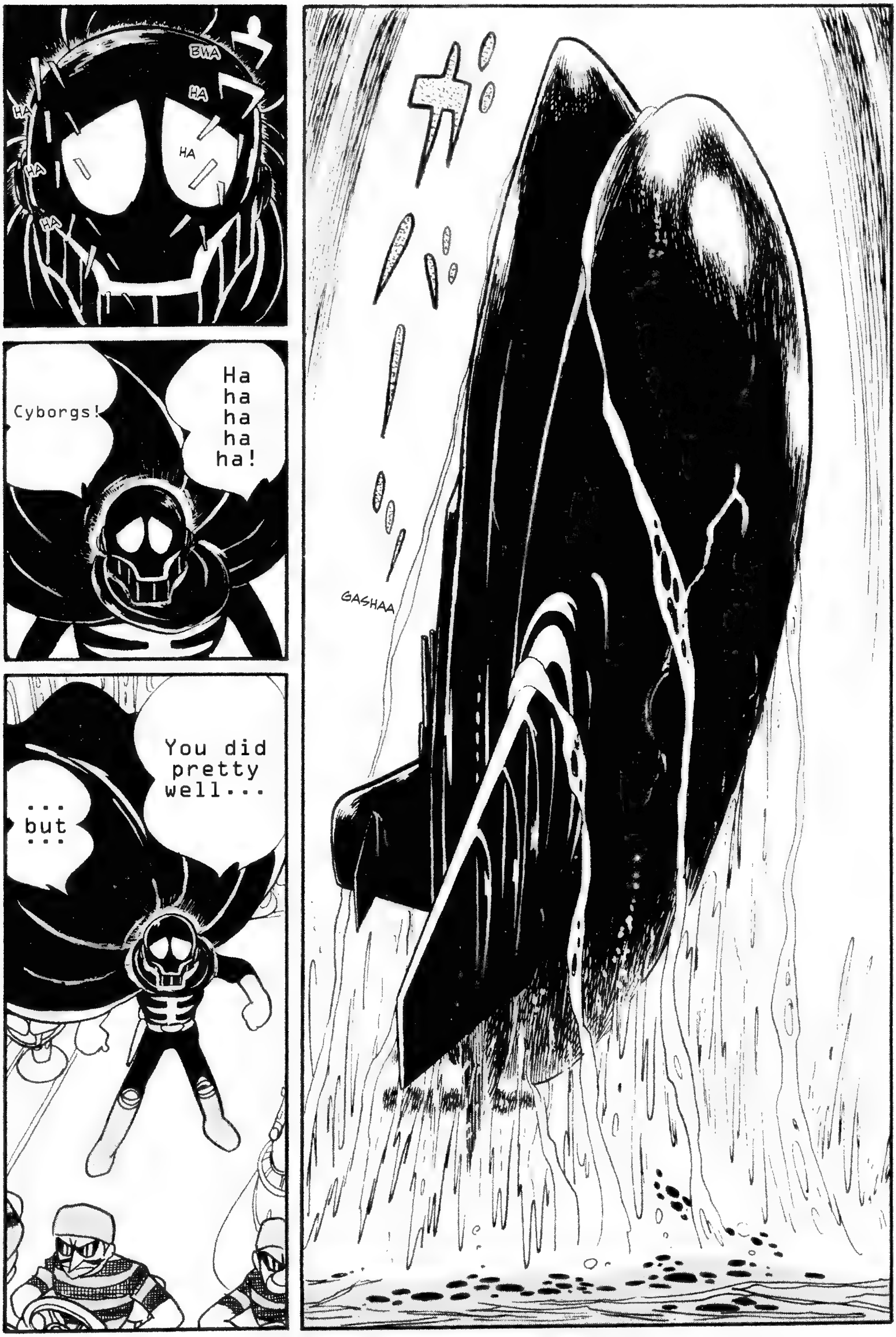

JAPAN...
BLUB ゴボ
BLUB ゴボ
BLUB ゴボ
GO GO GO GO ゴゴゴゴ
BSHAA ザァー…


BWA
HA
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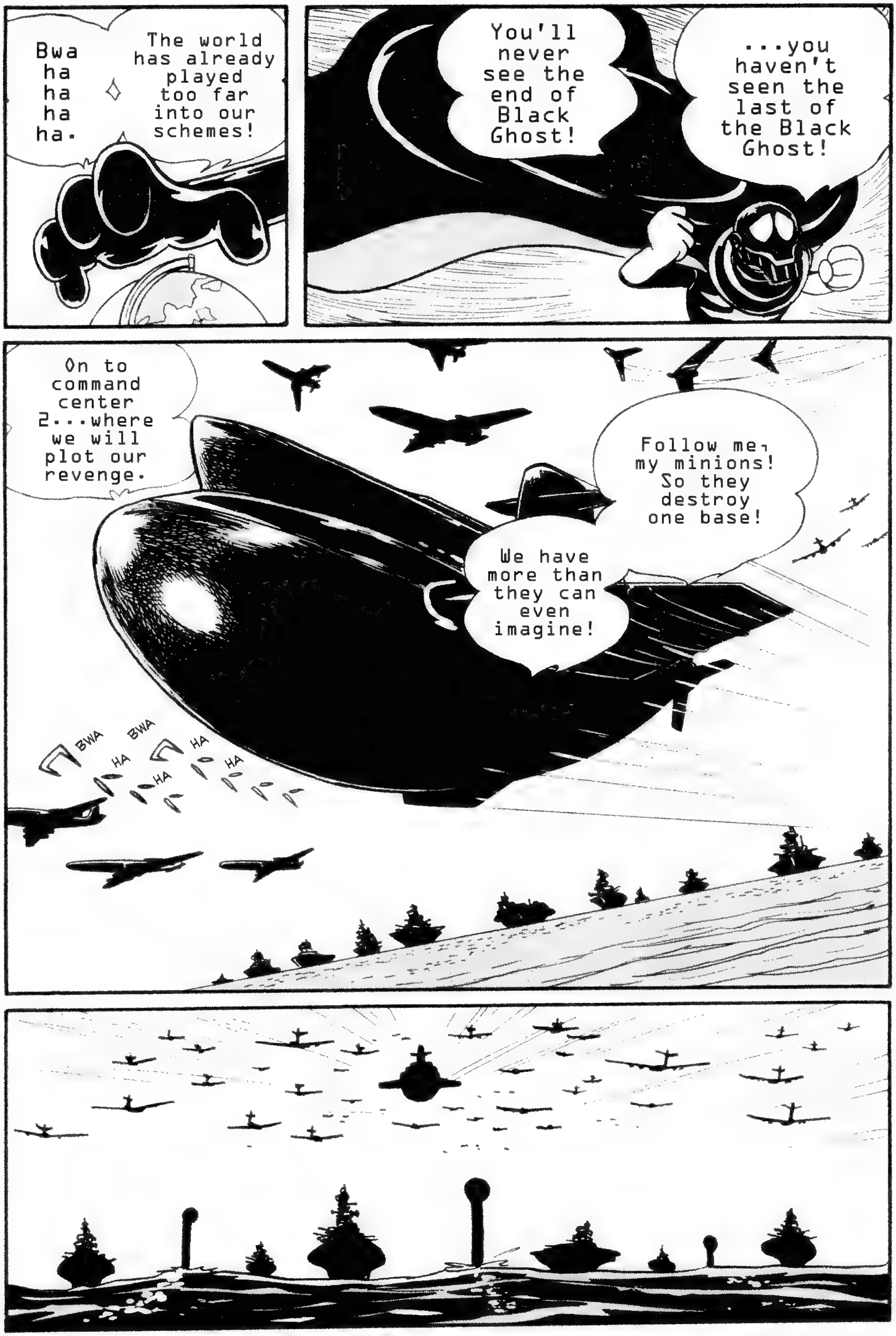
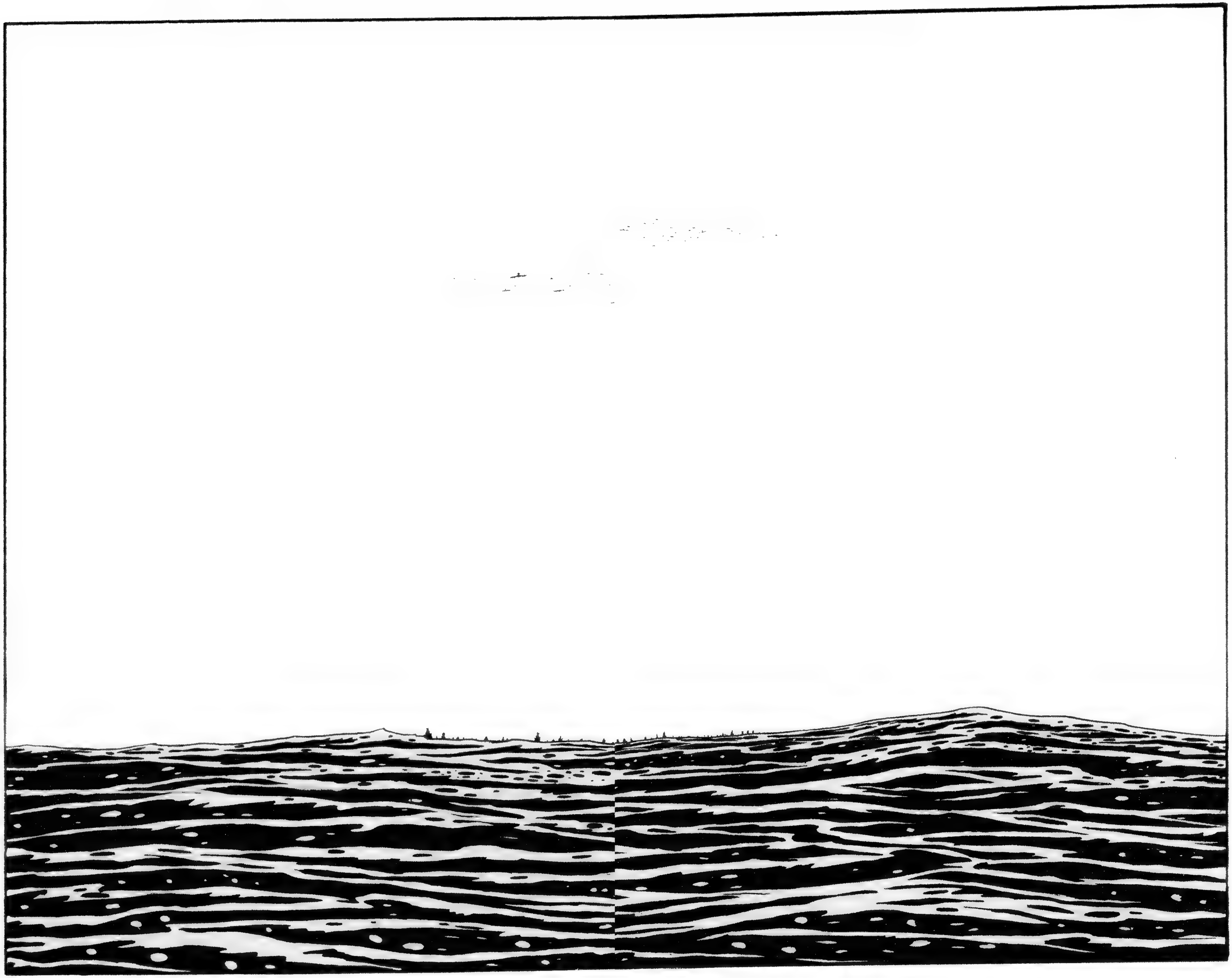
HA
Ha ha ha ha ha!
Cyborgs!
You did pretty well...
...but...
GASHAA


Bwa ha ha ha ha.
The world has already played too far into our schemes!
You'll never see the end of Black Ghost!
...you haven't seen the last of the Black Ghost!
On to command center 2...where we will plot our revenge.
Follow me, my minions! So they destroy one base!
We have more than they can even imagine!
BWA BWA HA HA HA HA



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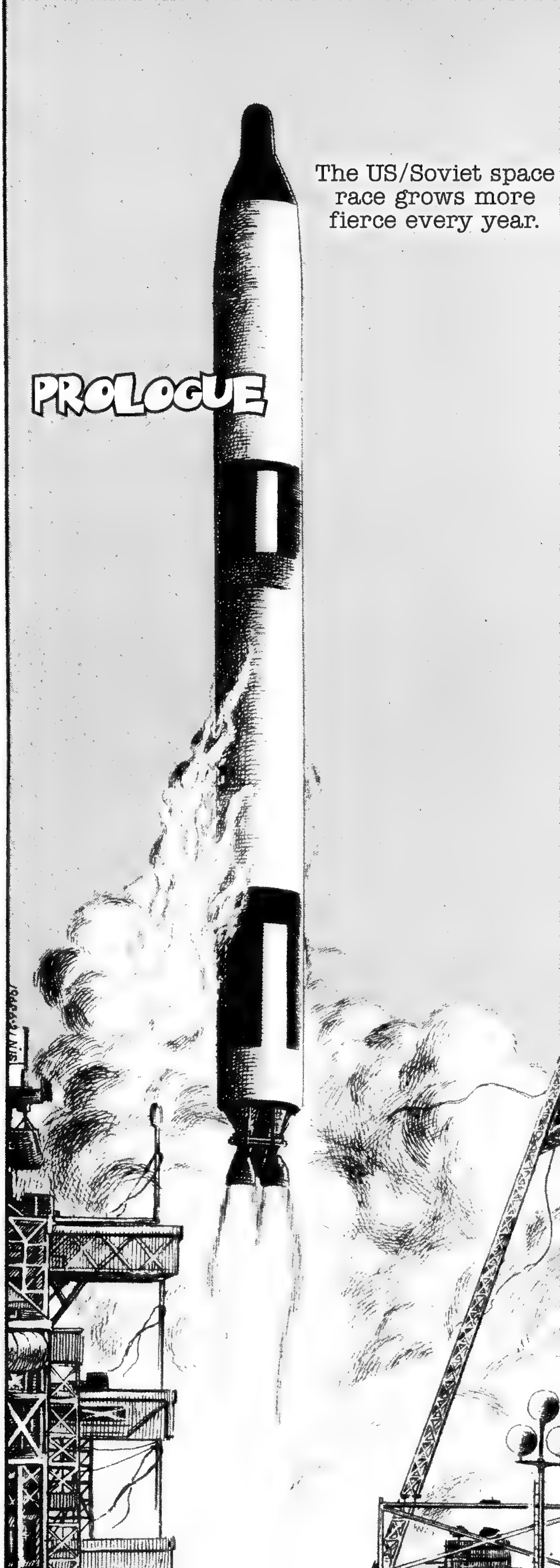
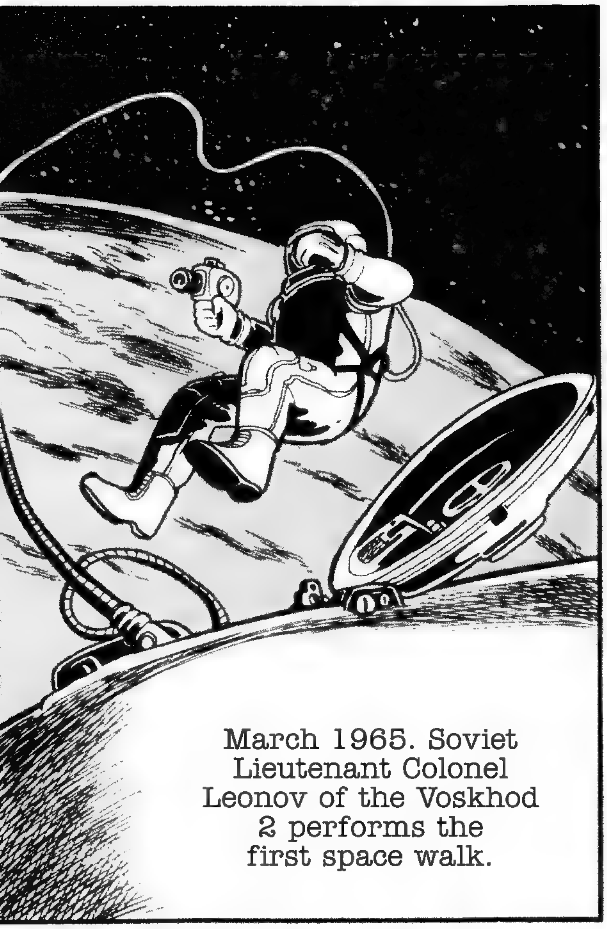
Cyborg 009 Part II
The Black Ghost

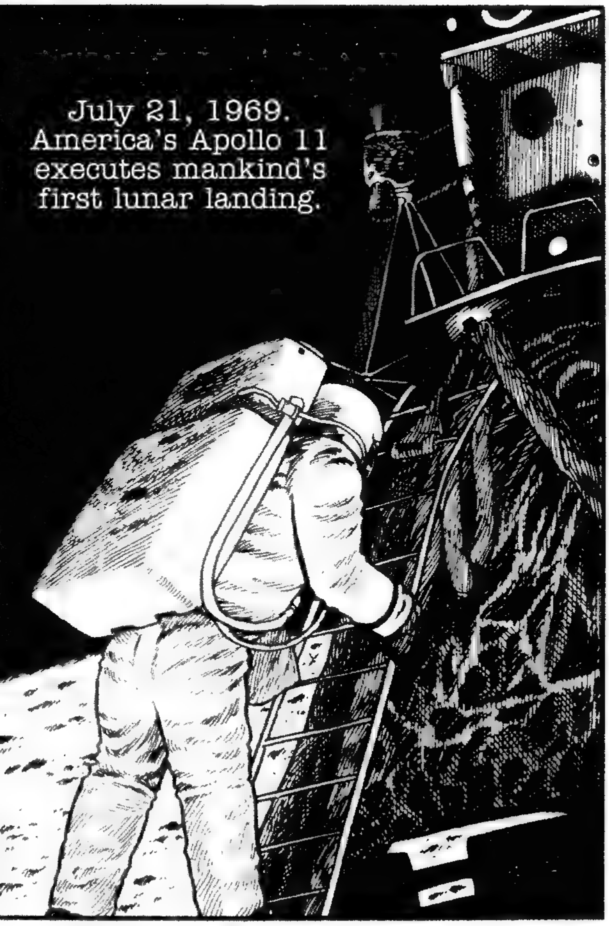
PROLOGUE



The US/Soviet space race grows more fierce every year.

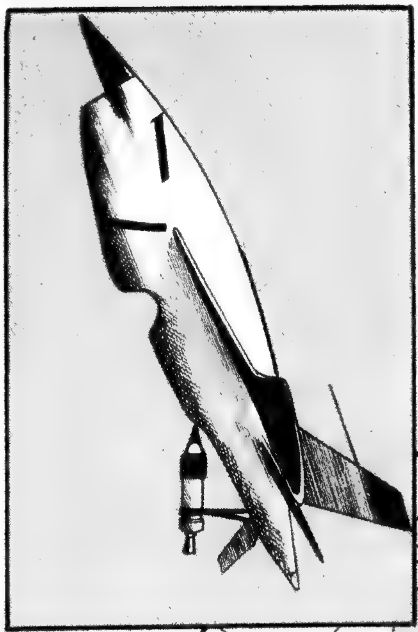


March 1965. Soviet Lieutenant Colonel Leonov of the Voskhod 2 performs the first space walk.



July 21, 1969. America's Apollo 11 executes mankind's first lunar landing.

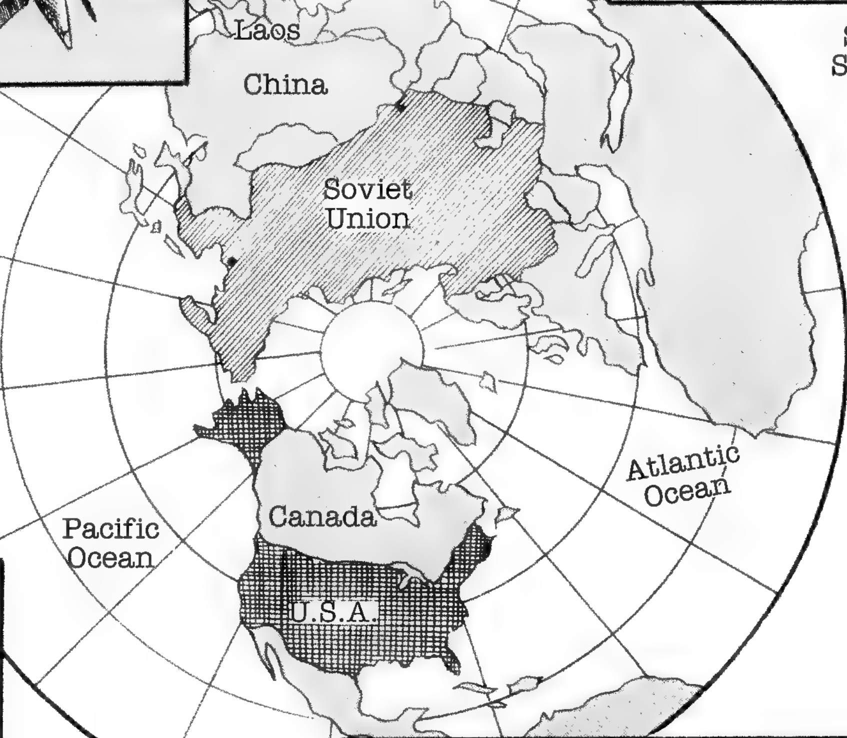
Fire B Unmanned Reconnaissance Plane

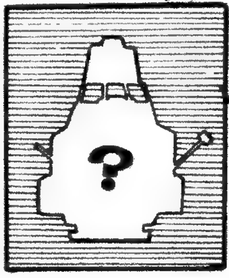


Immediately following Apollo 11, the U.S. congress implemented a "military affairs use" program.

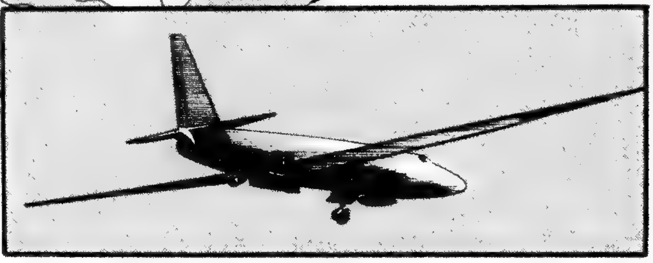
Military satellite...

Samos Satellite


South Vietnam
Laos
China
Soviet Union
Canada
U.S.A.
Pacific Ocean
Atlantic Ocean

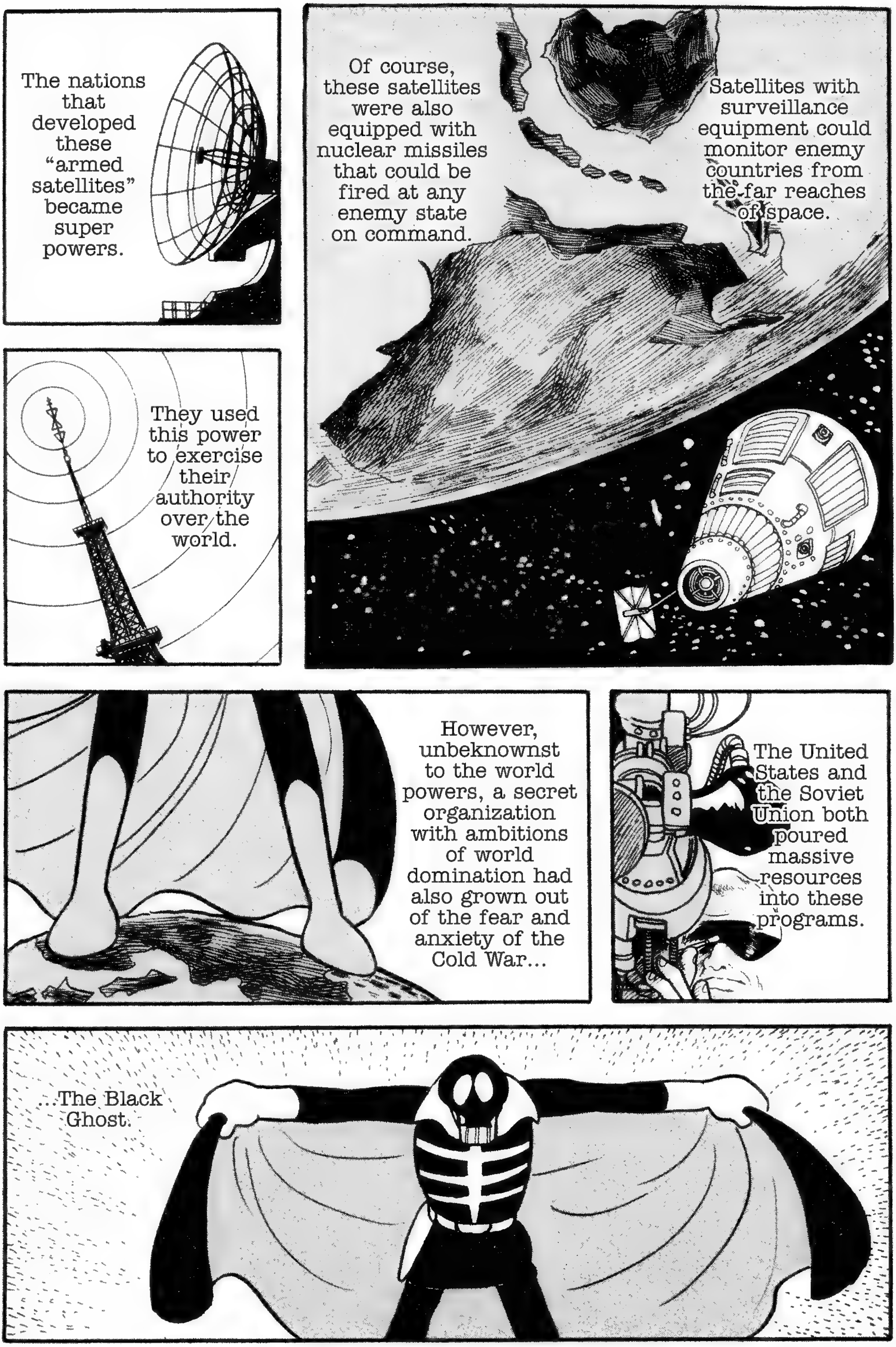


Soviet Spy Satellite

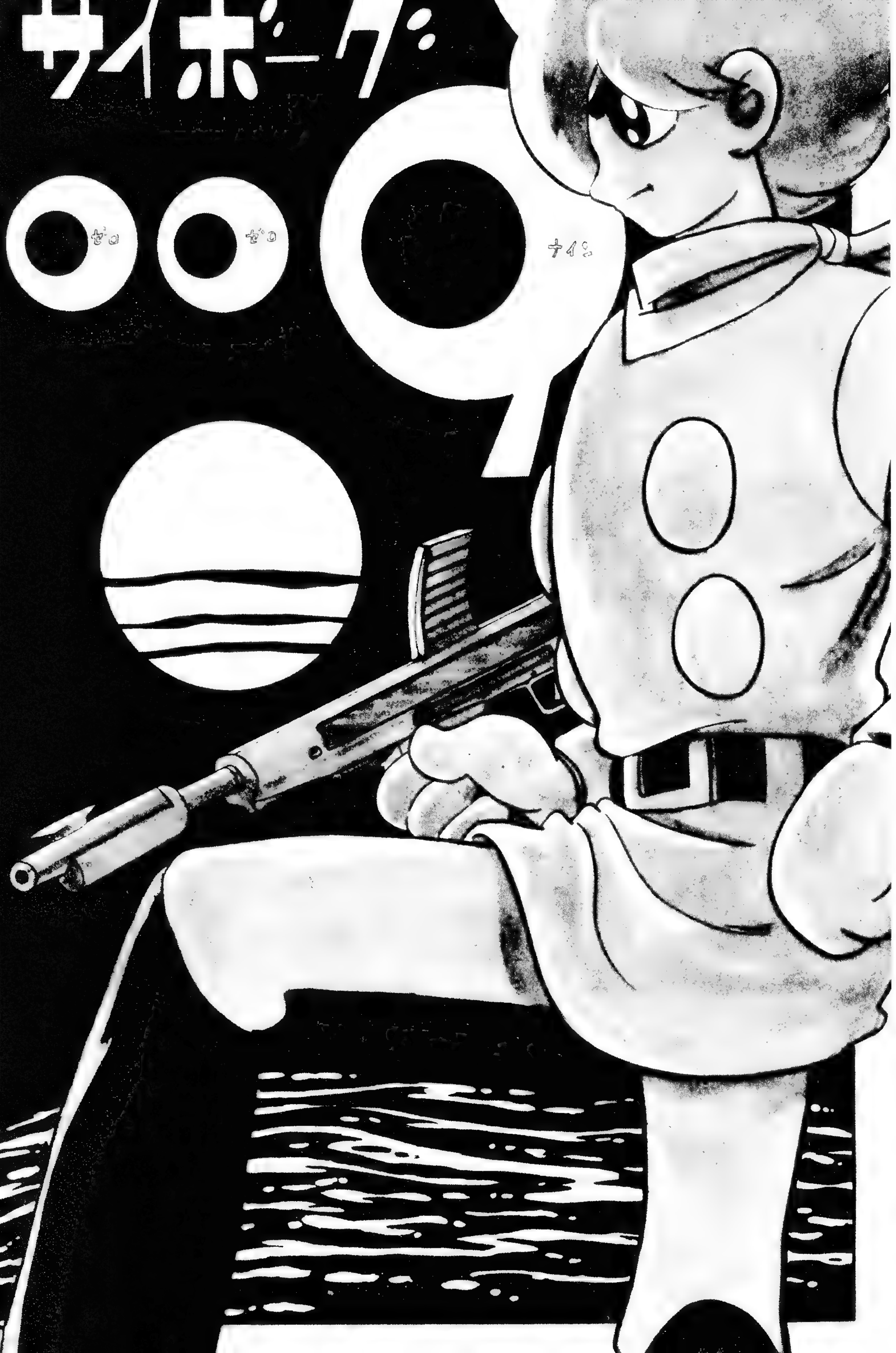


U2 Bomber

YF12A Interceptor Jet


Satellites with surveillance equipment could monitor enemy countries from the far reaches of space.
Of course, these satellites were also equipped with nuclear missiles that could be fired at any enemy state on command.
The nations that developed these "armed satellites" became super powers.
They used this power to exercise their authority over the world.
The United States and the Soviet Union both poured massive resources into these programs.
However, unbeknownst to the world powers, a secret organization with ambitions of world domination had also grown out of the fear and anxiety of the Cold War...
...The Black Ghost.

However, the Black Ghost's ultimate weapon, a team of nine cyborg warriors designed to carry Earth's military struggle into space, made its escape with the help of Dr. Gilmore, one of the leading scientists in the cyborg project. The Black Ghost himself has dispatched nearly his entire force to assassinate the traitors!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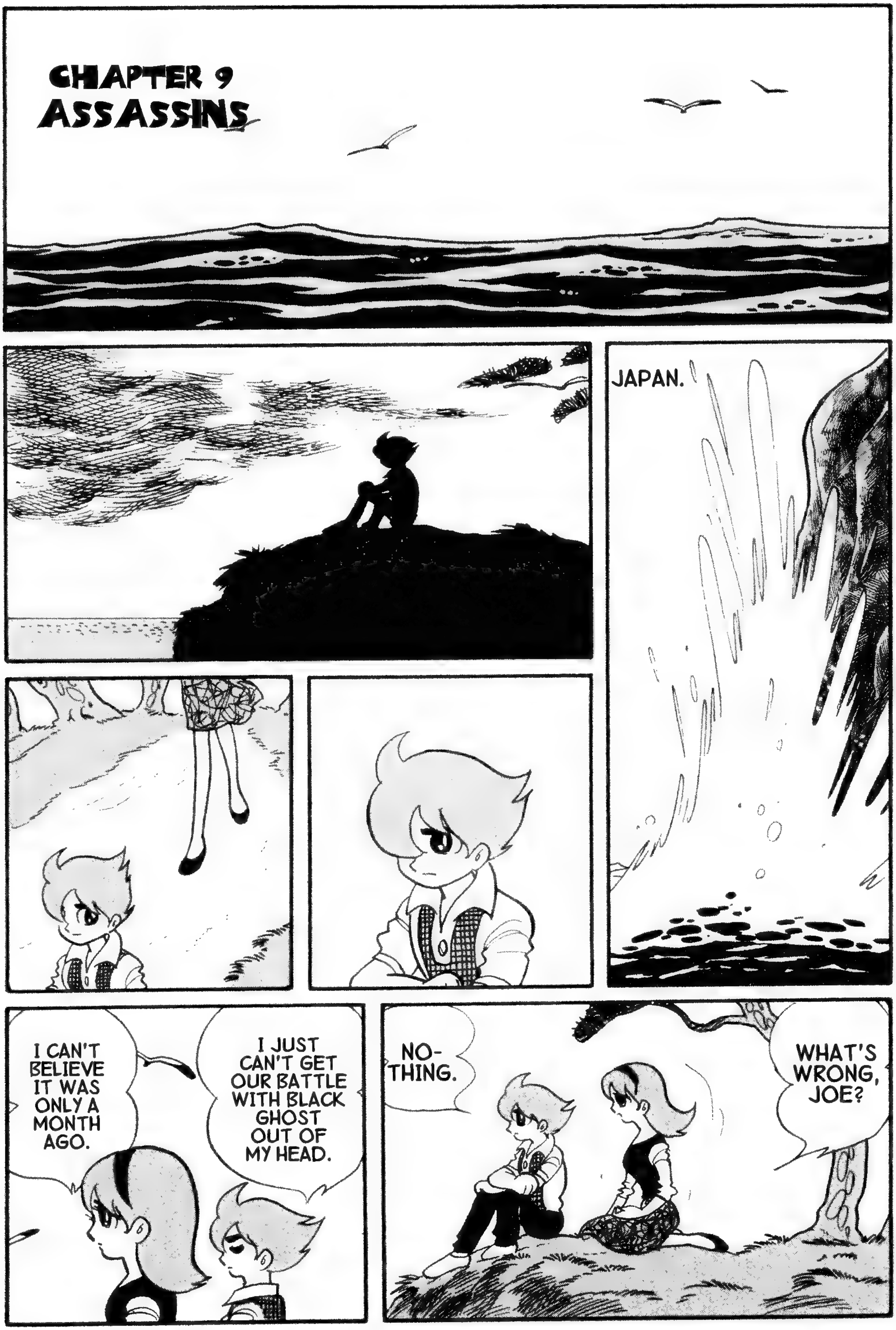
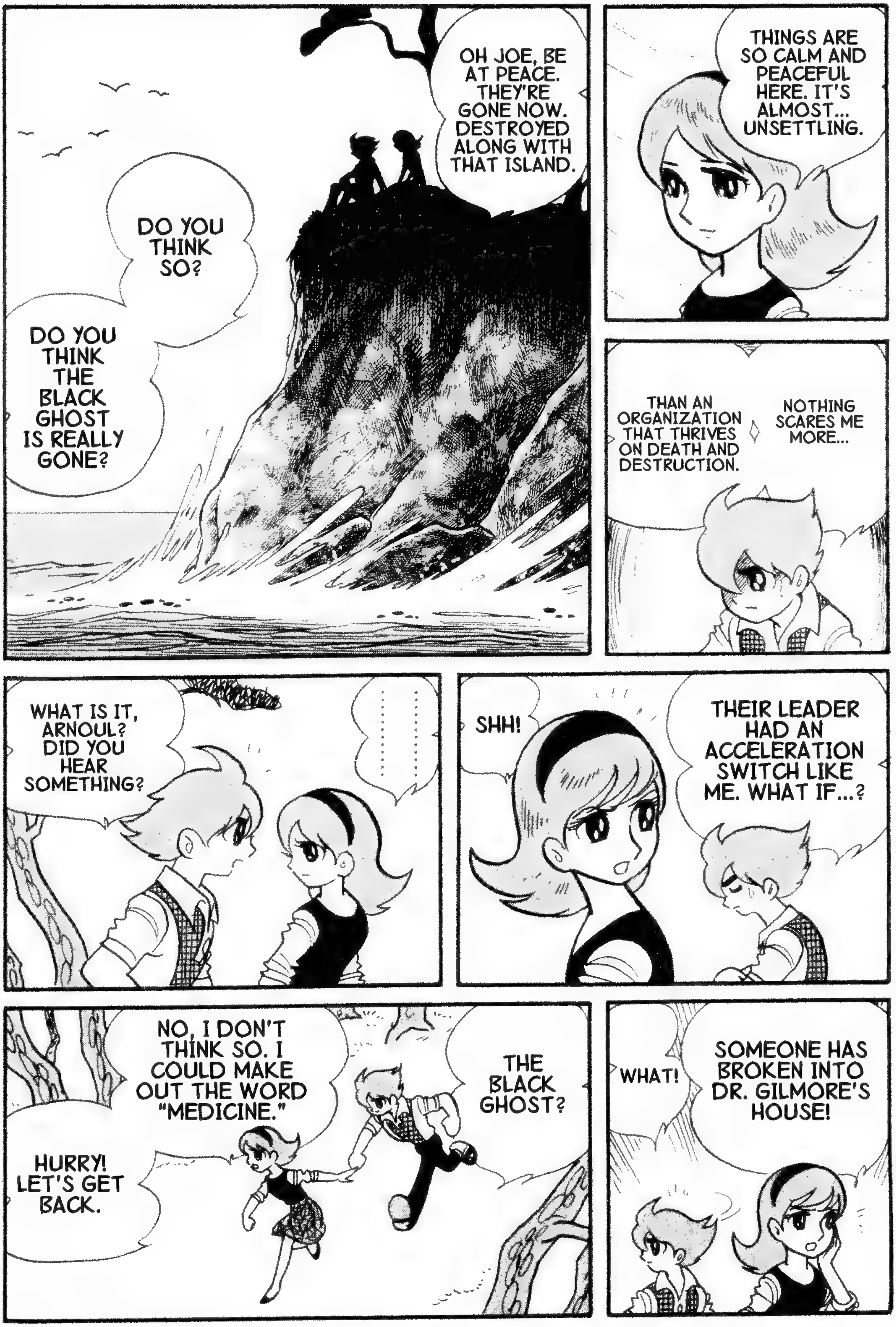
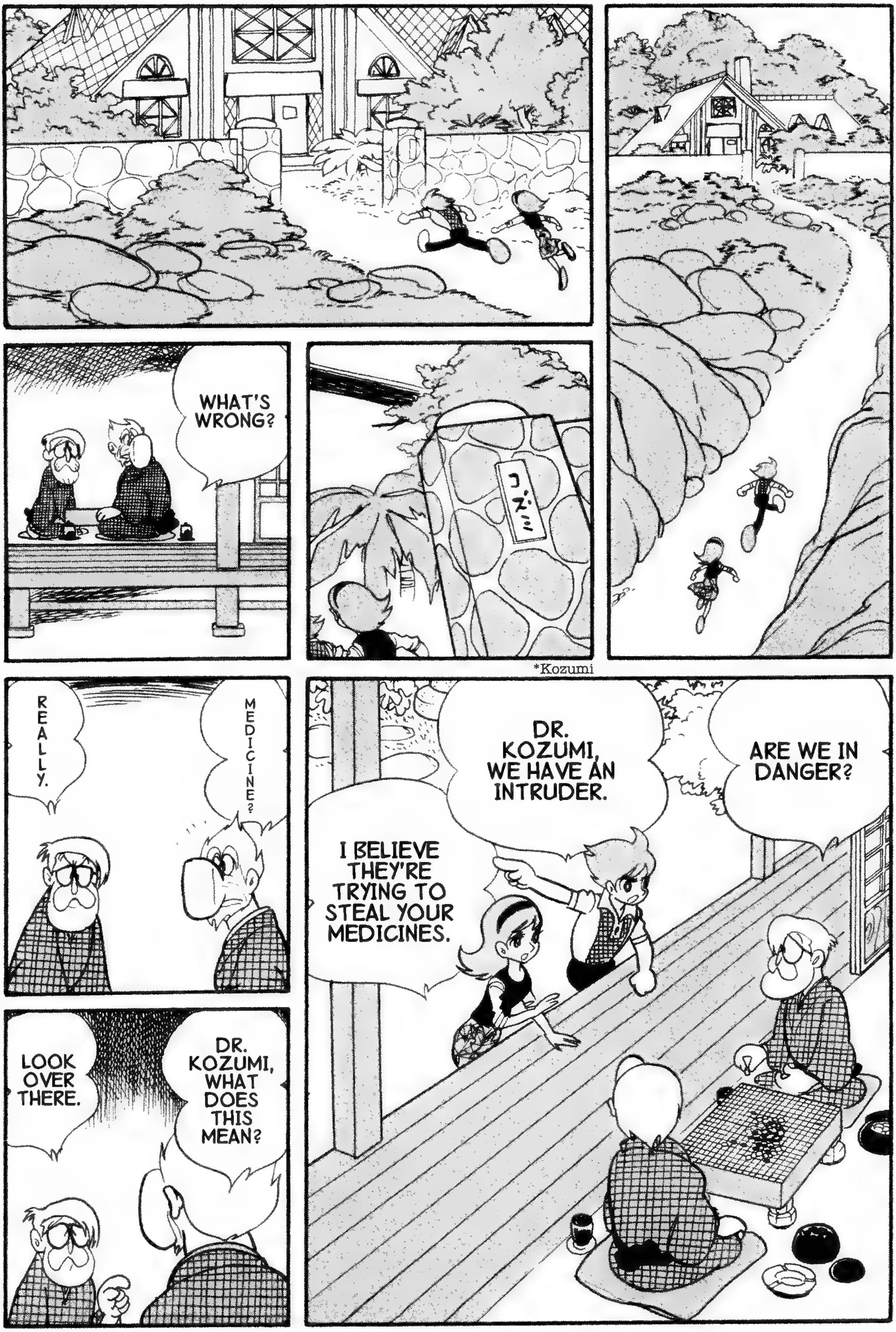
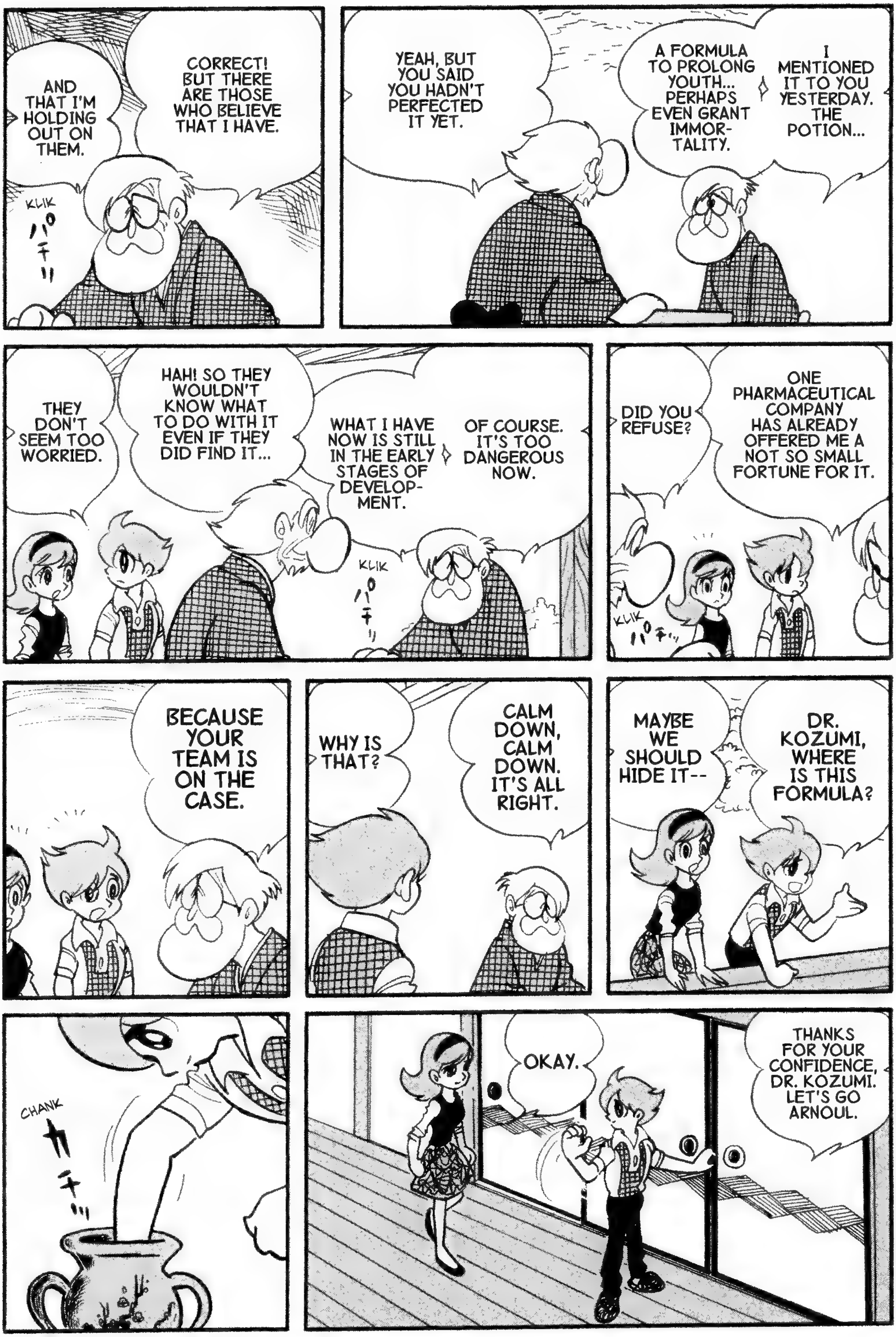
CHAPTER 9
ASSASSINS

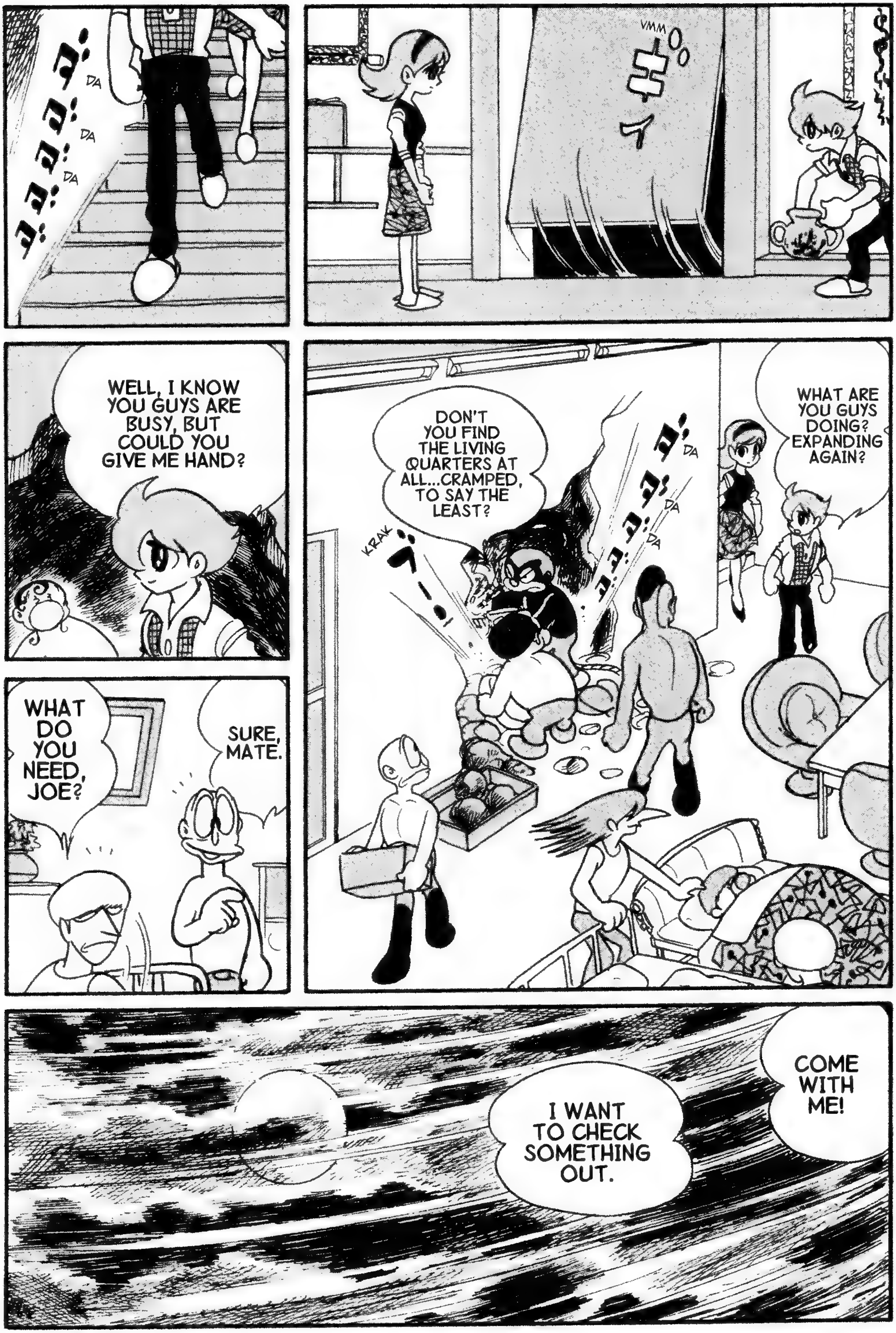

JAPAN.
WHAT'S WRONG, JOE?
NO-THING.
I JUST CAN'T GET OUR BATTLE WITH BLACK GHOST OUT OF MY HEAD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS ONLY A MONTH AGO.

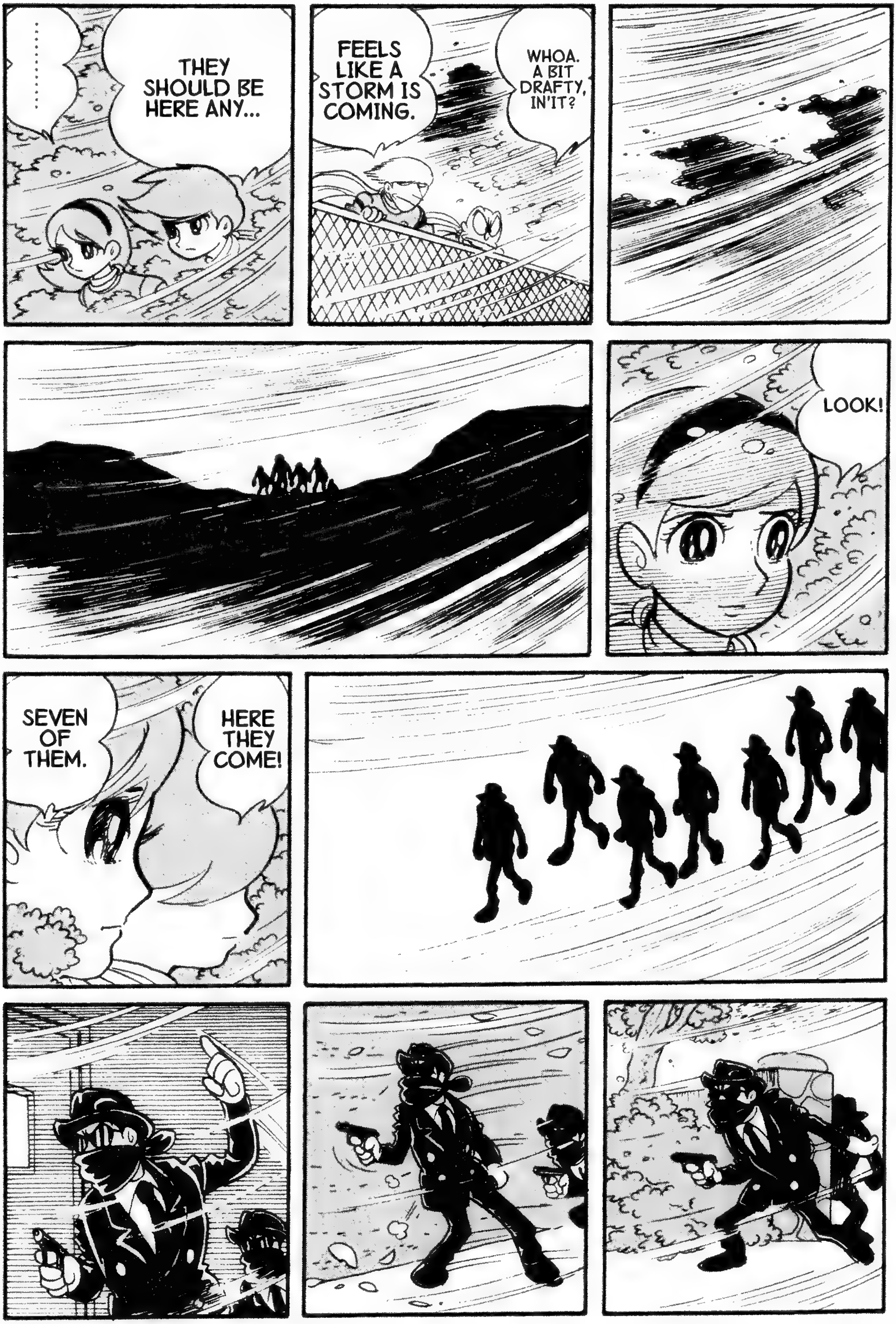

THINGS ARE SO CALM AND PEACEFUL HERE. IT'S ALMOST... UNSETTLING.
NOTHING SCARES ME MORE...
THAN AN ORGANIZATION THAT THRIVES ON DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.
OH JOE, BE AT PEACE. THEY'RE GONE NOW. DESTROYED ALONG WITH THAT ISLAND.
DO YOU THINK SO?
DO YOU THINK THE BLACK GHOST IS REALLY GONE?
THEIR LEADER HAD AN ACCELERATION SWITCH LIKE ME. WHAT IF...?
SHH!
......
WHAT IS IT, ARNOUL? DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
SOMEONE HAS BROKEN INTO DR. GILMORE'S HOUSE!
WHAT!
THE BLACK GHOST?
NO, I DON'T THINK SO. I COULD MAKE OUT THE WORD "MEDICINE."
HURRY! LET'S GET BACK.

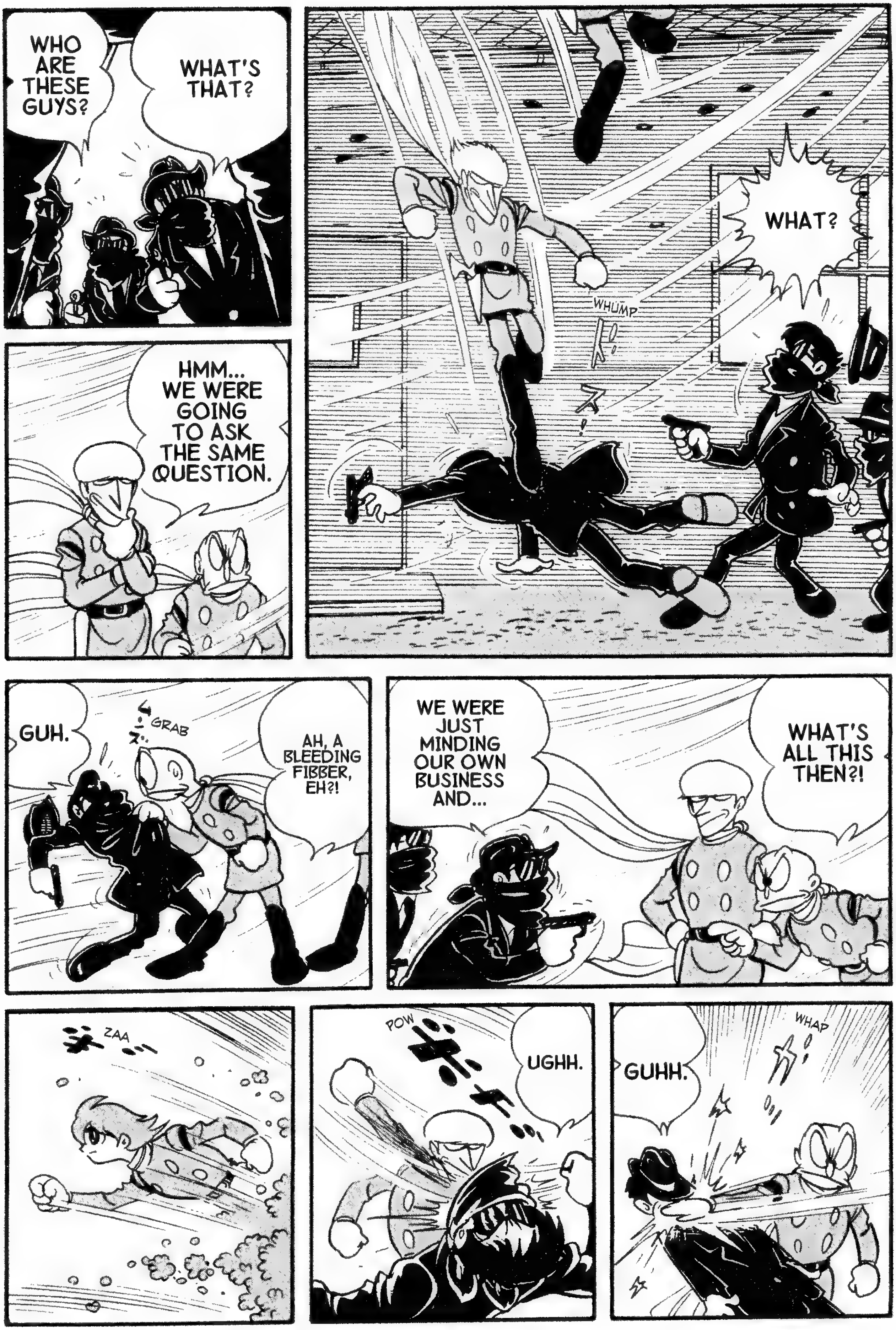

WHAT'S WRONG?
コズミ
DR. KOZUMI, WE HAVE AN INTRUDER.
ARE WE IN DANGER?
I BELIEVE THEY'RE TRYING TO STEAL YOUR MEDICINES.
MEDICINE?
REALLY.
DR. KOZUMI, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
LOOK OVER THERE.

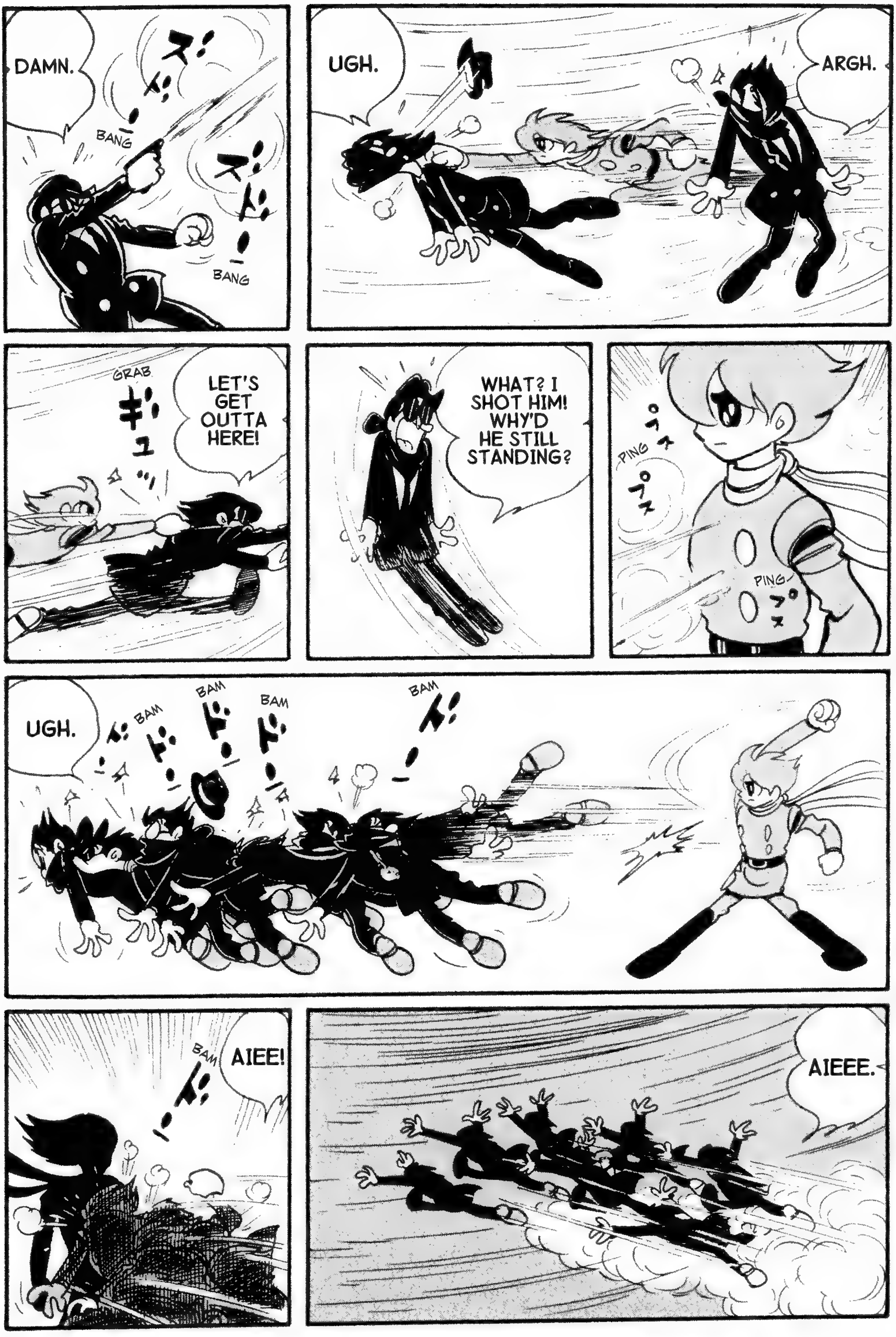
*Kozumi

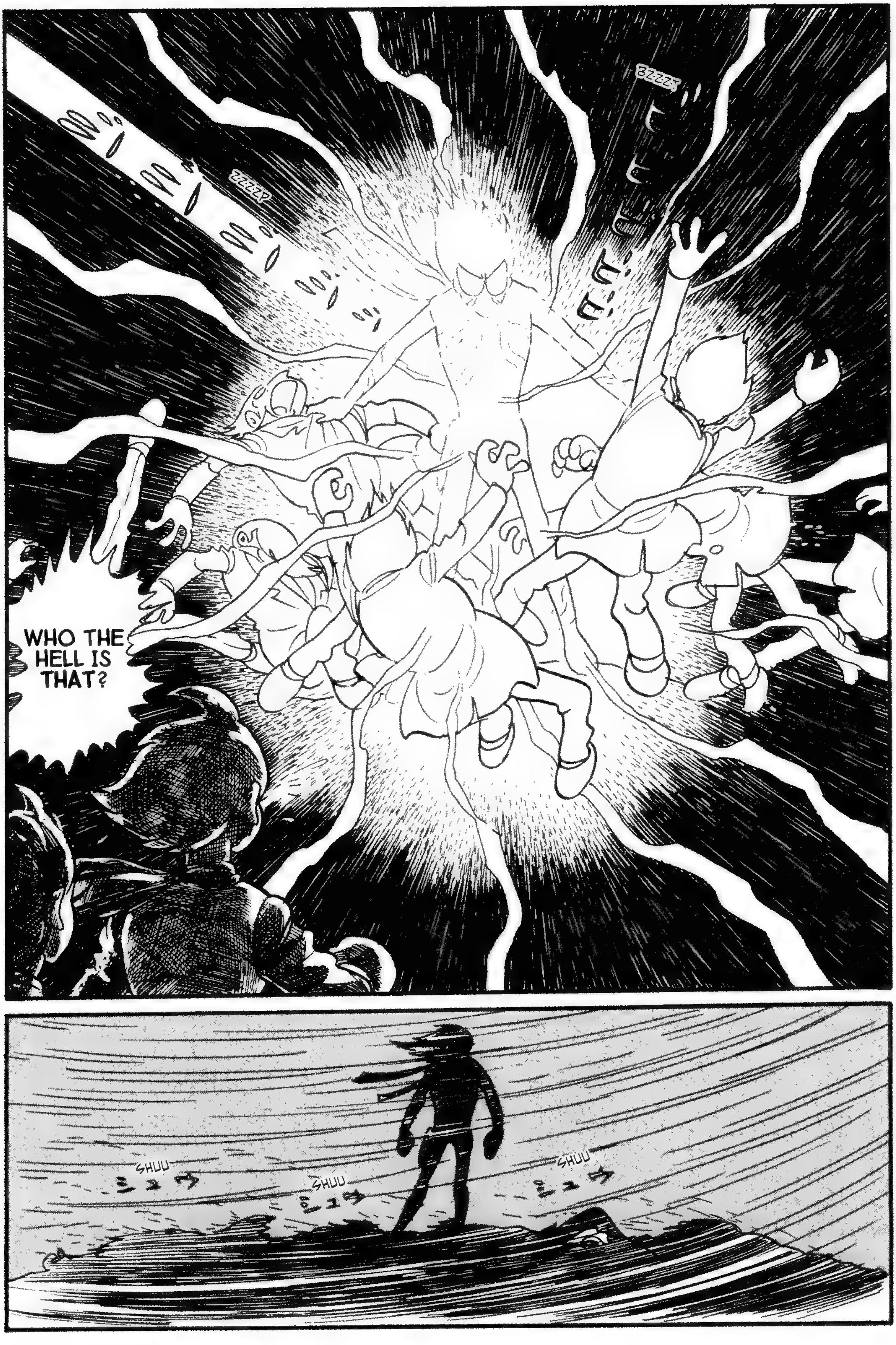

I MENTIONED IT TO YOU YESTERDAY. THE POTION...
A FORMULA TO PROLONG YOUTH... PERHAPS EVEN GRANT IMMORTALITY.
YEAH, BUT YOU SAID YOU HADN'T PERFECTED IT YET.
CORRECT! BUT THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT I HAVE.
AND THAT I'M HOLDING OUT ON THEM.
KLIK
パチッ
ONE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY HAS ALREADY OFFERED ME A NOT SO SMALL FORTUNE FOR IT.
DID YOU REFUSE?
KLIK
パチッ
OF COURSE. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS NOW.
WHAT I HAVE NOW IS STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT.
HAH! SO THEY WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT EVEN IF THEY DID FIND IT...
THEY DON'T SEEM TOO WORRIED.
KLIK
パチッ
DR. KOZUMI, WHERE IS THIS FORMULA?
MAYBE WE SHOULD HIDE IT--
CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN. IT'S ALL RIGHT.
WHY IS THAT?
BECAUSE YOUR TEAM IS ON THE CASE.
THANKS FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE, DR. KOZUMI. LET'S GO ARNOUL.
OKAY.
CHANK
カチッ

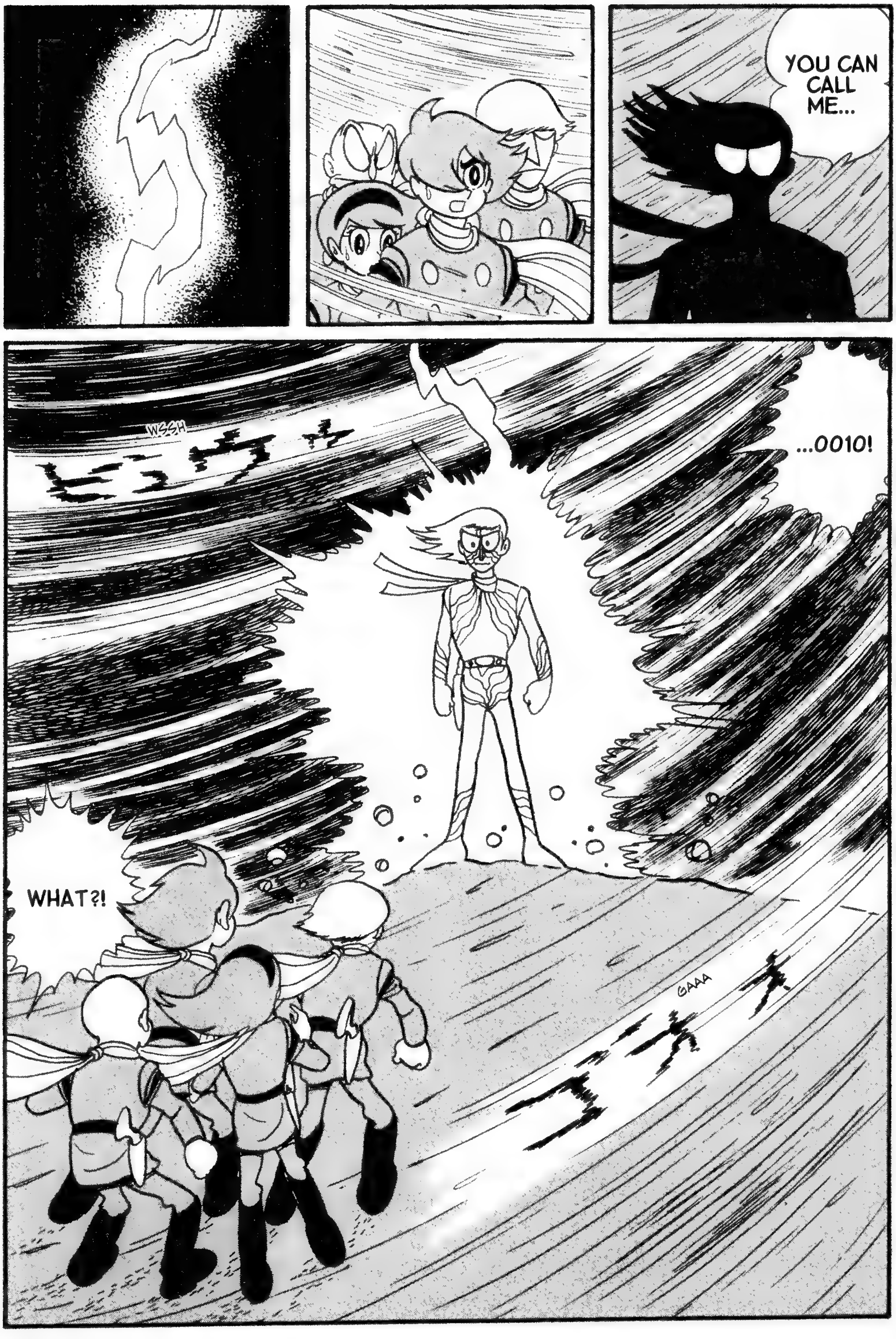

DA
DA
DA
VMM
WELL, I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE BUSY, BUT COULD YOU GIVE ME HAND?
WHAT DO YOU NEED, JOE?
SURE, MATE.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING? EXPANDING AGAIN?
DON'T YOU FIND THE LIVING QUARTERS AT ALL...CRAMPED, TO SAY THE LEAST?
KRAK
DA
DA
DA
I WANT TO CHECK SOMETHING OUT.
COME WITH ME!

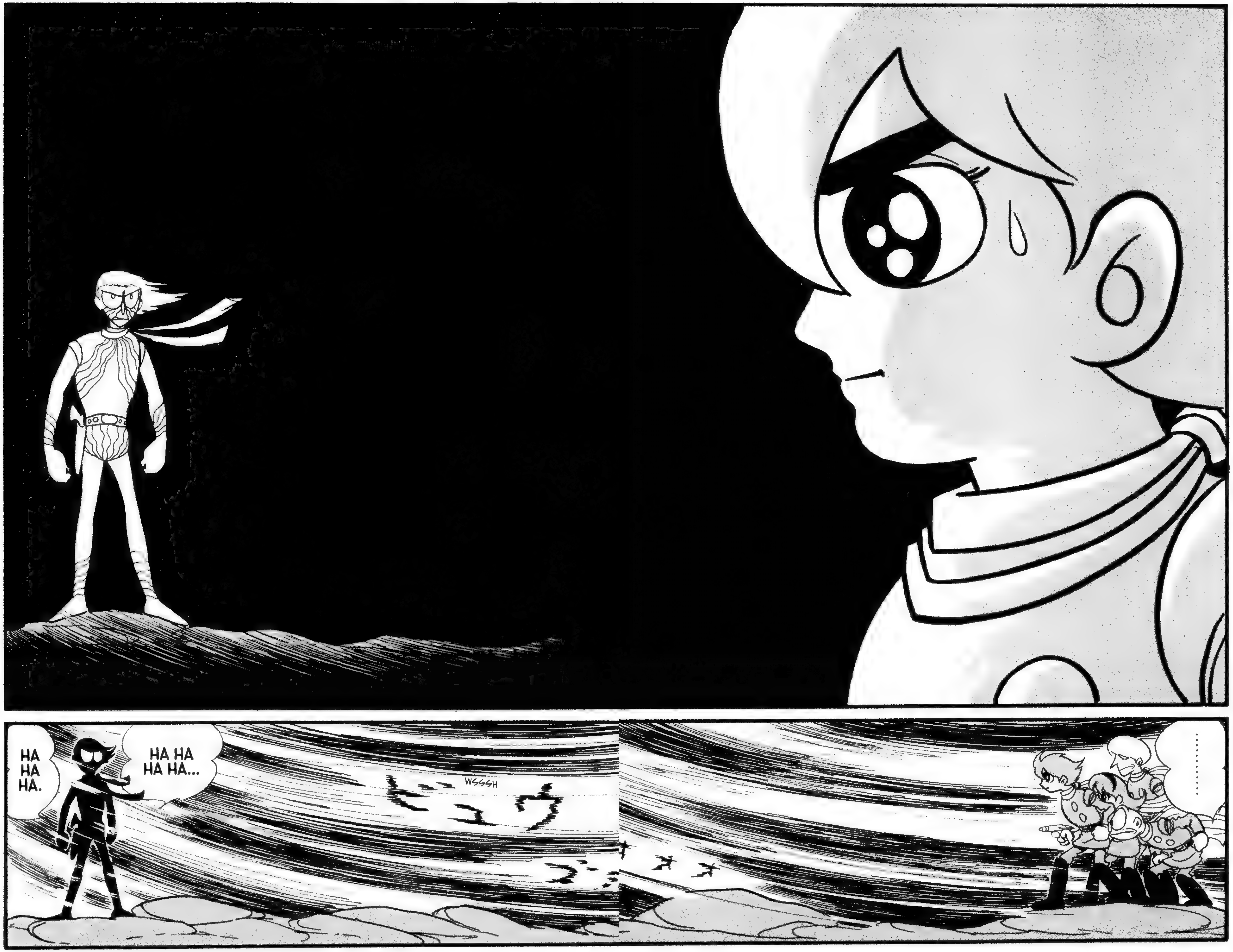

THEY SHOULD BE HERE ANY...
......
WHOA. A BIT DRAFTY, IN'IT?
FEELS LIKE A STORM IS COMING.
LOOK!
HERE THEY COME!
SEVEN OF THEM.


WHAT?
WHUMP
WHAT'S THAT?
WHO ARE THESE GUYS?
HMM... WE WERE GOING TO ASK THE SAME QUESTION.
WHAT'S ALL THIS THEN?!
WE WERE JUST MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS AND...
AH, A BLEEDING FIBBER, EH?!
GRAB
GUH.
WHAP
GUHH.
UGHH.
POW
ZAA


ARGH.
UGH.
DAMN.
BANG
BANG
PING
PING
WHAT? I SHOT HIM! WHY'D HE STILL STANDING?
GRAB
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
UGH.
AIEEE.
BAM
AIEE!


BZZZZ
ビビビビビ
ZZZZZ
ビビビビビ
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?
SHUU シュウ
SHUU シュウ
SHUU シュウ


YOU CAN CALL ME...
WSSH
...0010!
WHAT?!
GAAA



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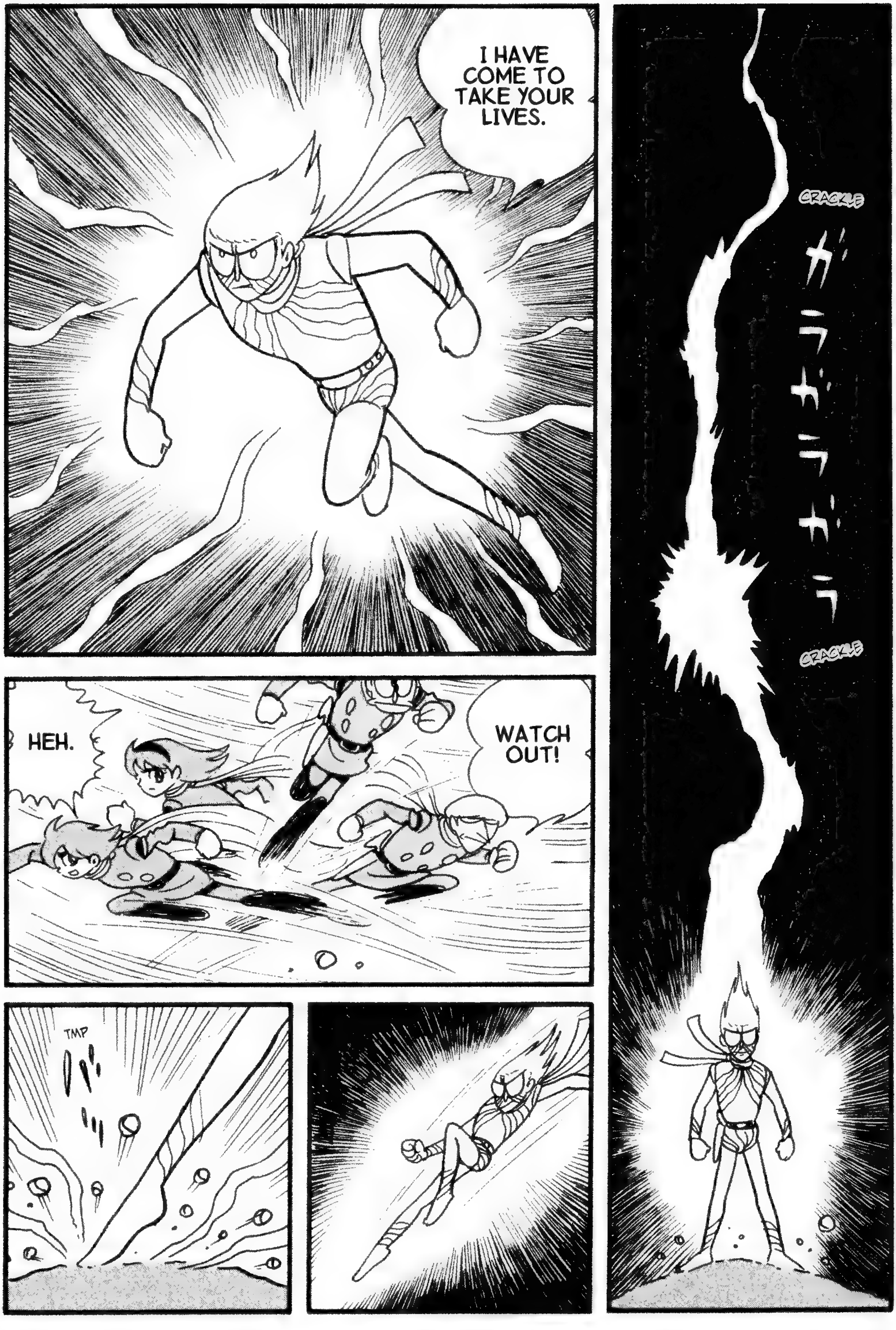
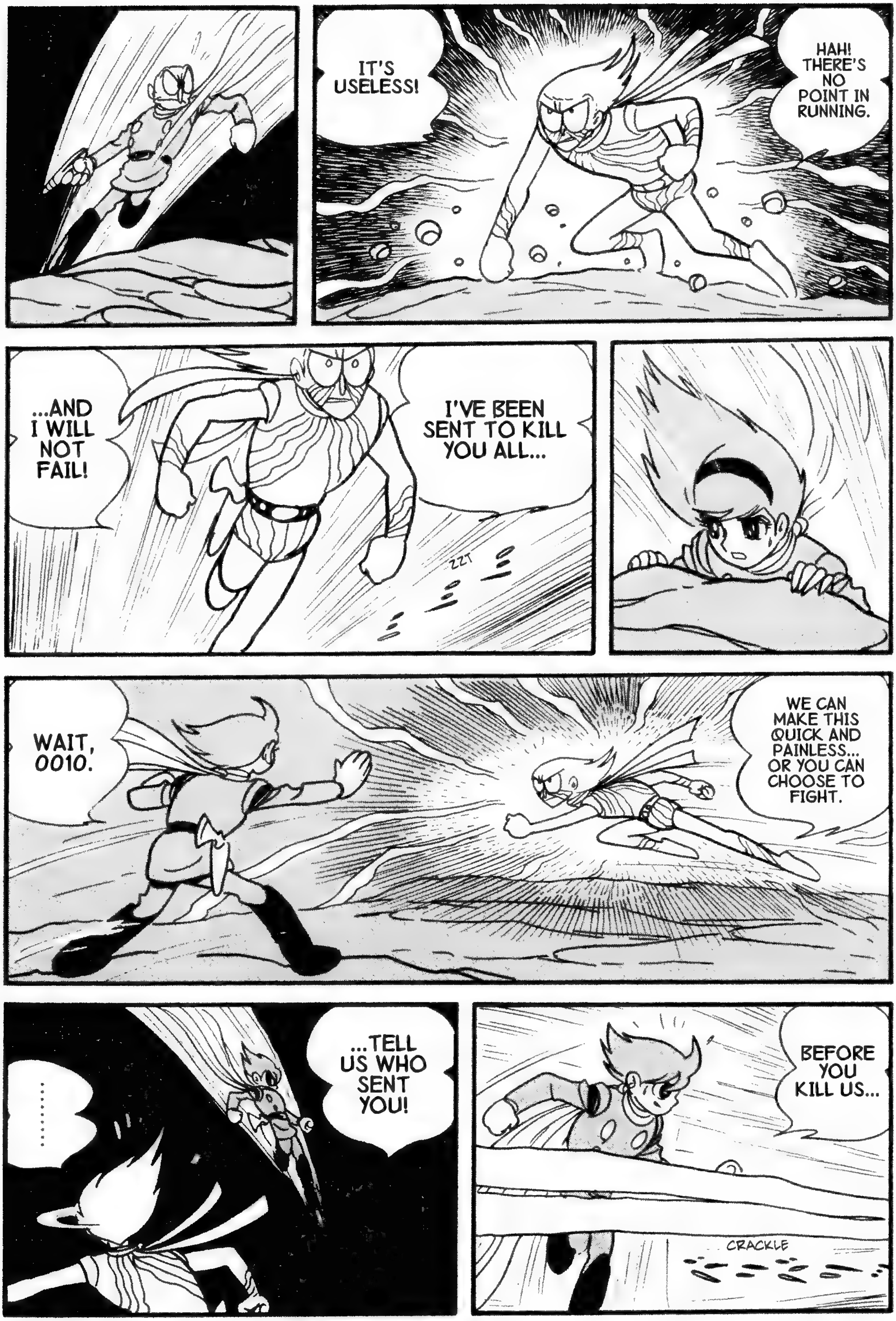
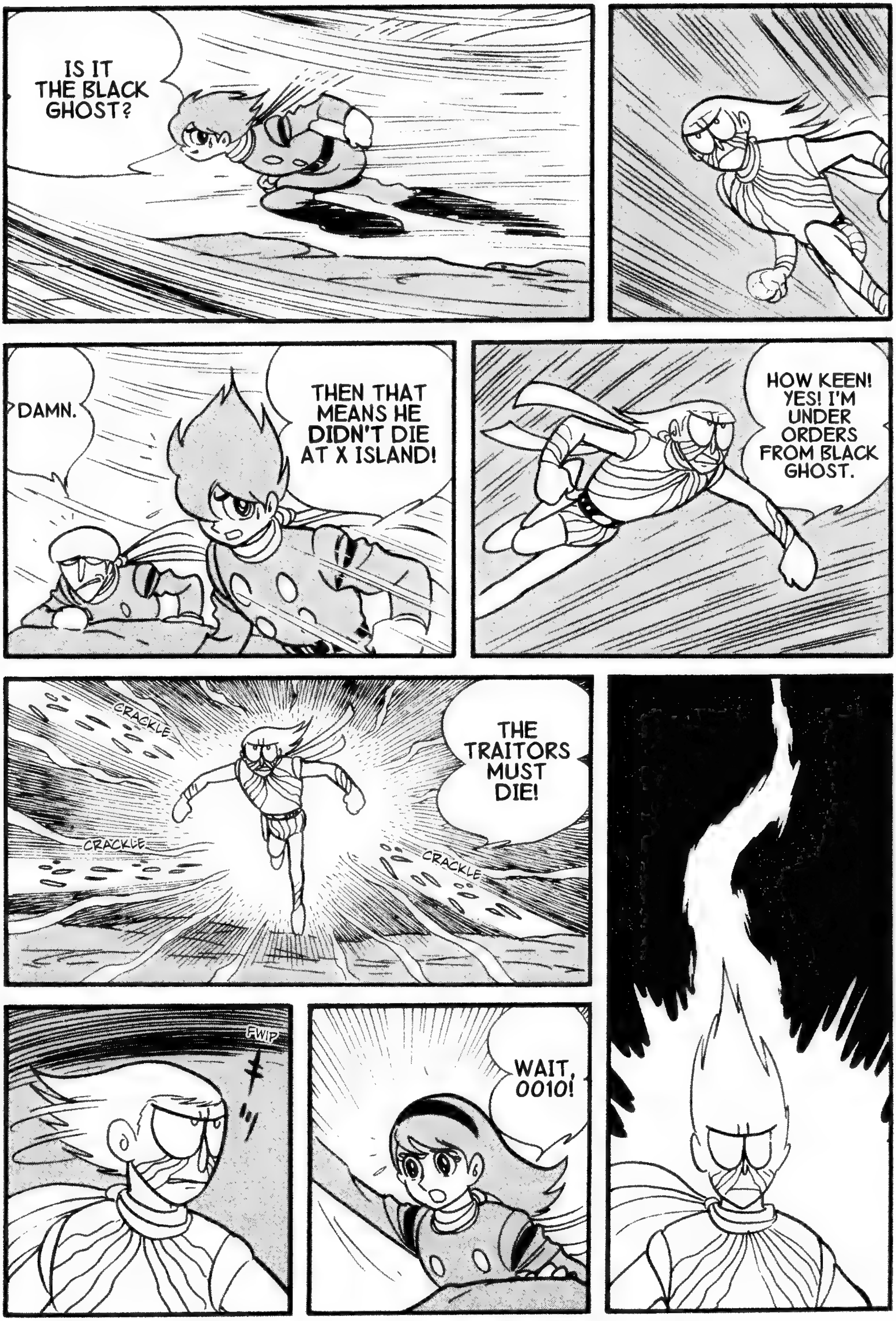
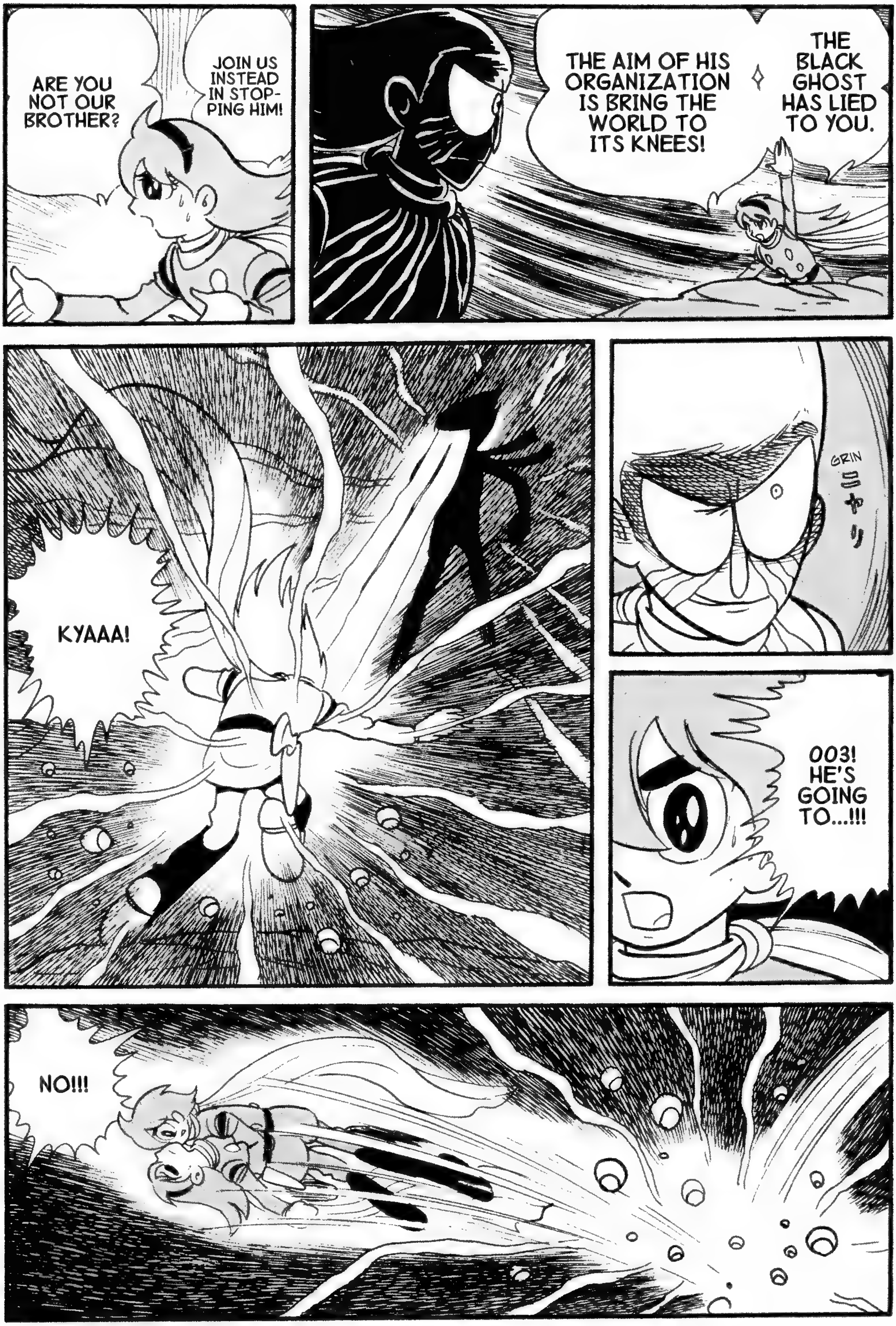
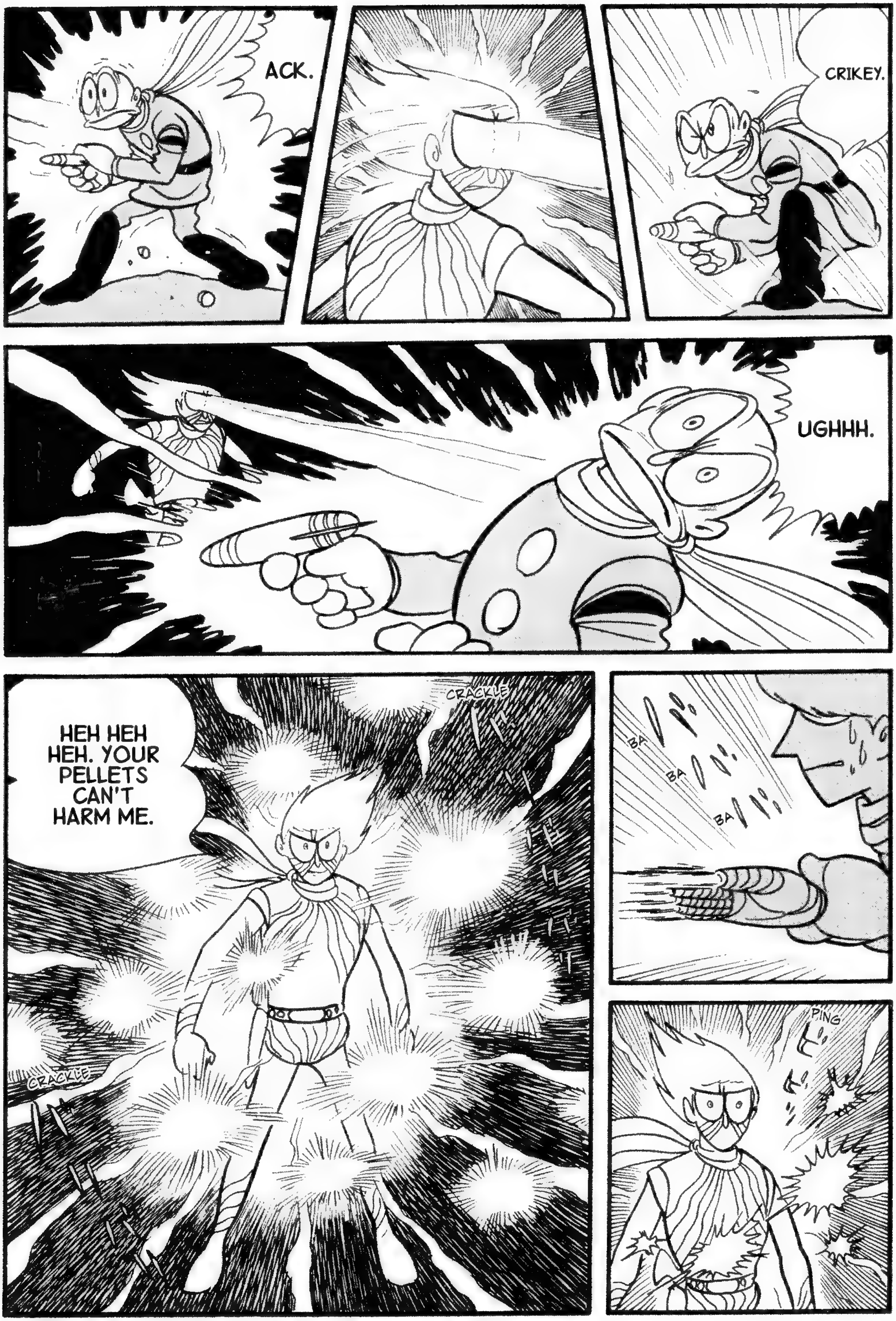
WSSSH
ビューウ
HA HA HA HA...
HA HA HA.

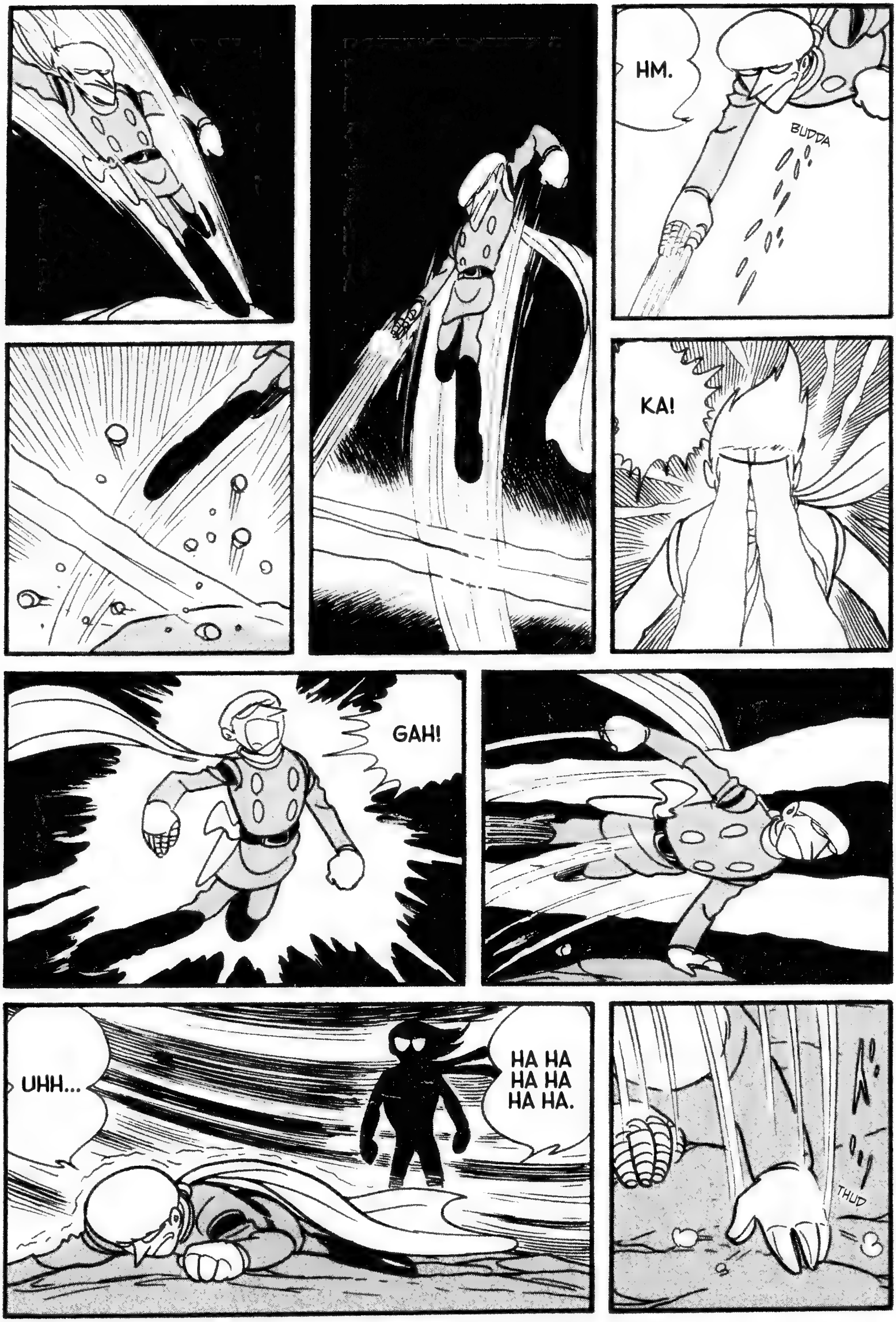

CRACKLE
ガラガラガラ
CRACKLE
I HAVE COME TO TAKE YOUR LIVES.
WATCH OUT!
HEH.
TMP
バ

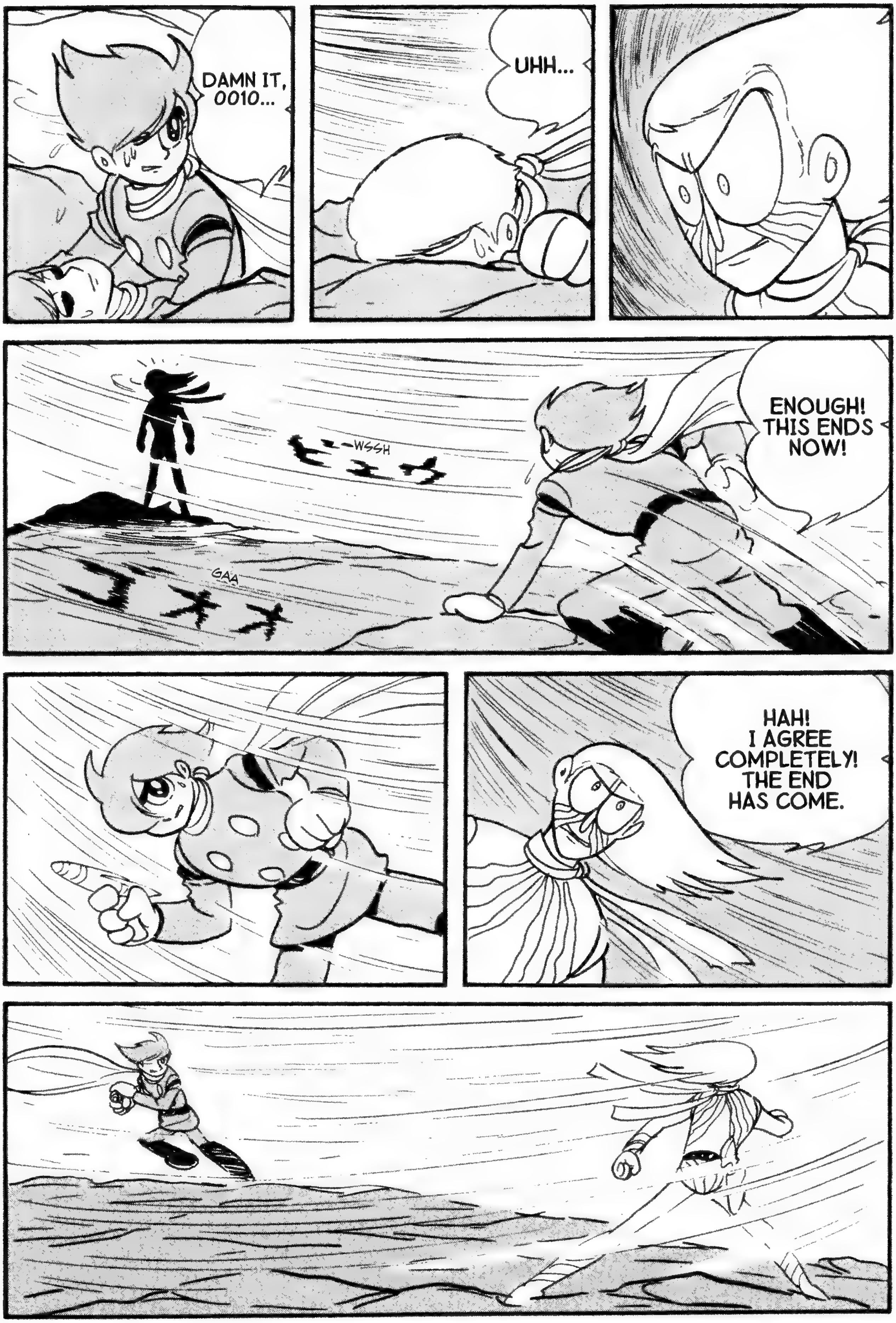

HAH! THERE'S NO POINT IN RUNNING.
IT'S USELESS!
I'VE BEEN SENT TO KILL YOU ALL...
...AND I WILL NOT FAIL!
ZZT
WE CAN MAKE THIS QUICK AND PAINLESS... OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO FIGHT.
WAIT, 0010.
BEFORE YOU KILL US...
CRACKLE
...TELL US WHO SENT YOU!
....

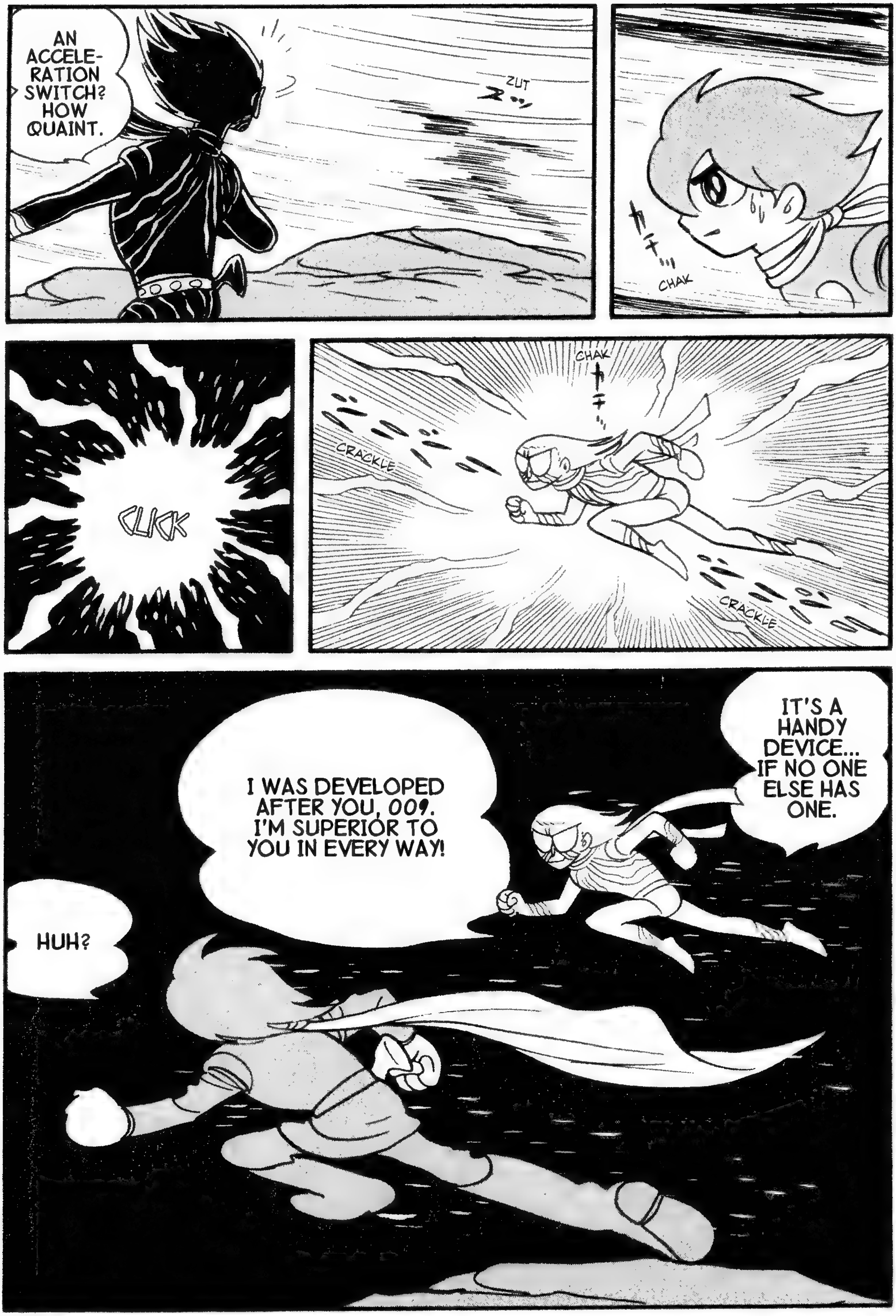

IS IT THE BLACK GHOST?
DAMN.
THEN THAT MEANS HE DIDN'T DIE AT X ISLAND!
HOW KEEN! YES! I'M UNDER ORDERS FROM BLACK GHOST.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
THE TRAITORS MUST DIE!
FWIP
WAIT, 0010!

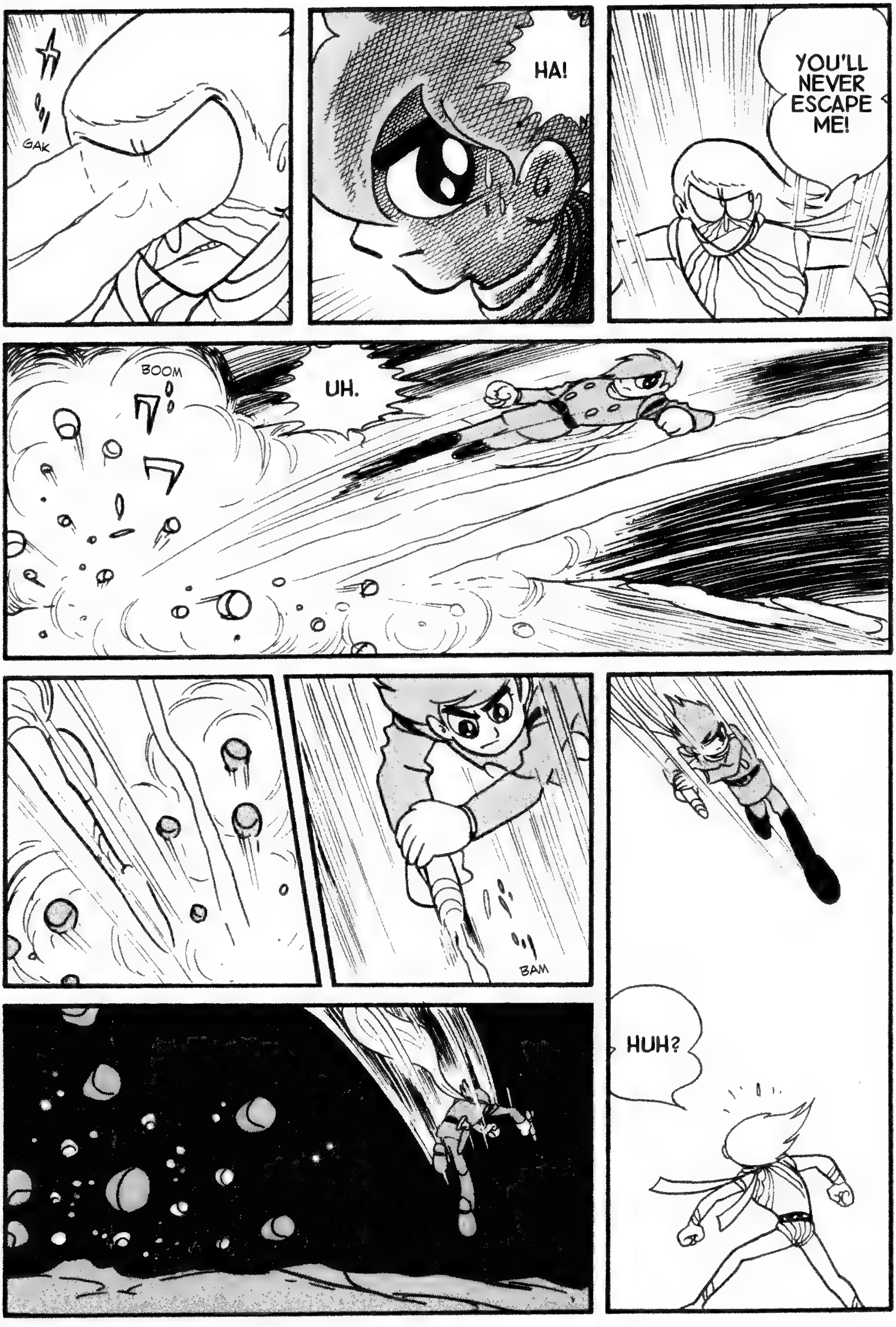

THE BLACK GHOST HAS LIED TO YOU.
THE AIM OF HIS ORGANIZATION IS BRING THE WORLD TO ITS KNEES!
JOIN US INSTEAD IN STOPPING HIM!
ARE YOU NOT OUR BROTHER?
GRIN
ニヤリ
003! HE'S GOING TO...!!!
KYAAA!
NO!!!

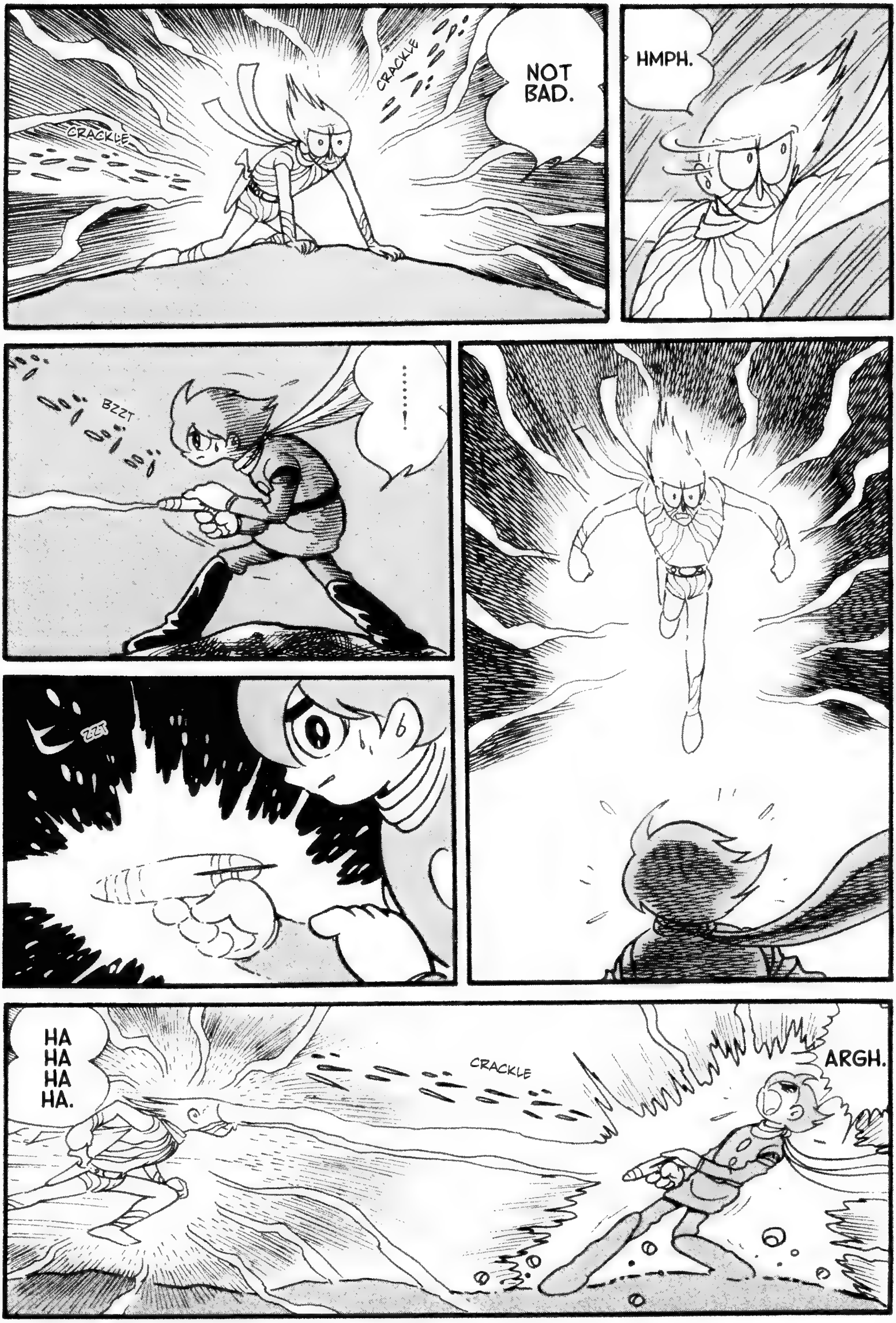

CRIKEY.
ACK.
UGHHH.
BA
BA
BA
PING
CRACKLE
HEH HEH HEH. YOUR PELLETS CAN'T HARM ME.
CRACKLE

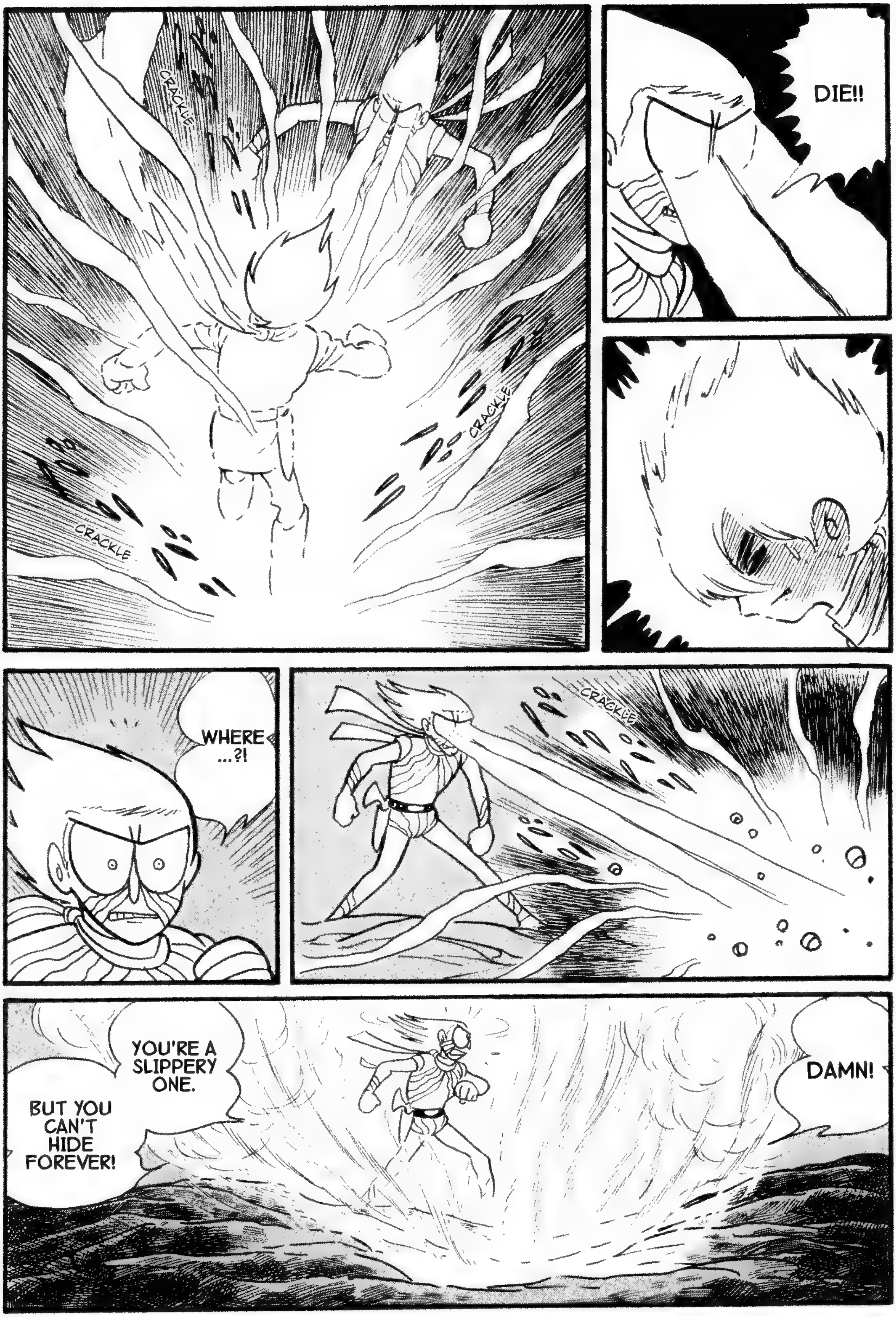

HM.
BUDDA
KA!
GAH!
THUD
HA HA HA HA HA HA.
UHH...

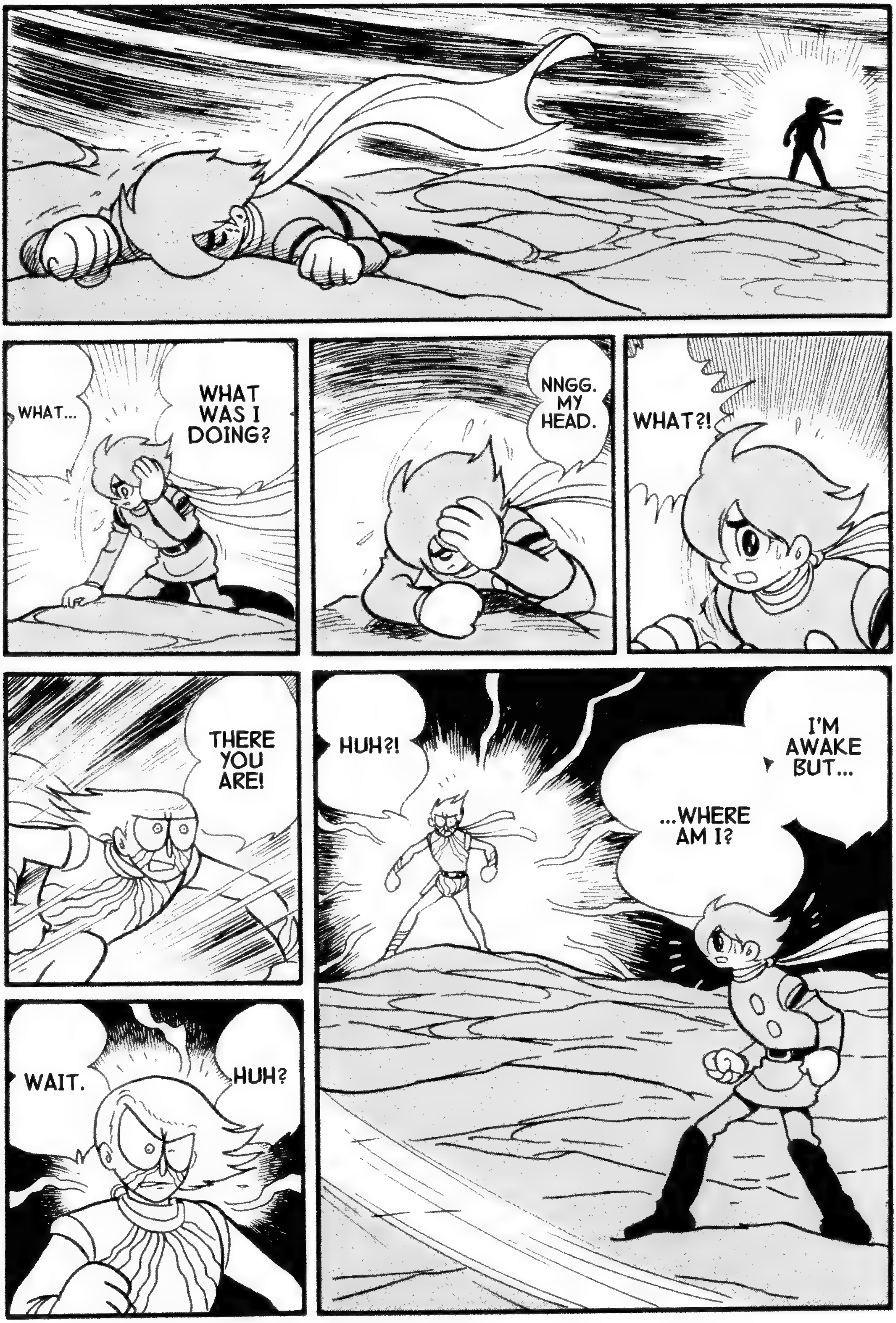

DAMN IT, 0010...
UHH...
ENOUGH! THIS ENDS NOW!
ビュウ
WSSH
ゴオオ
GAA
HAH! I AGREE COMPLETELY! THE END HAS COME.

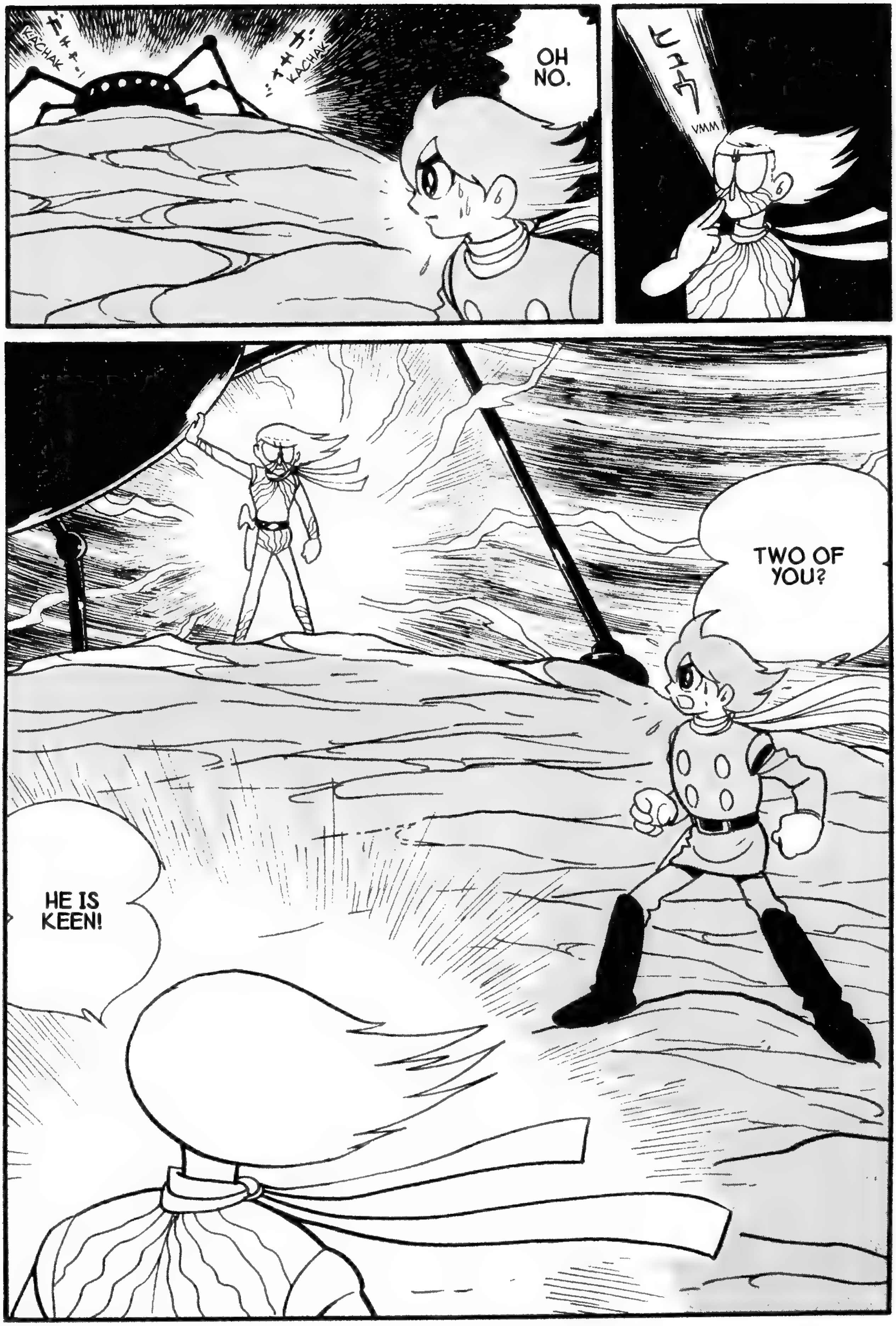

AN ACCELERATION SWITCH? HOW QUAINT.
ZUT
カチ…
CHAK
CLICK
CHAK
カチ…
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
IT'S A HANDY DEVICE... IF NO ONE ELSE HAS ONE.
I WAS DEVELOPED AFTER YOU, 009. I'M SUPERIOR TO YOU IN EVERY WAY!
HUH?

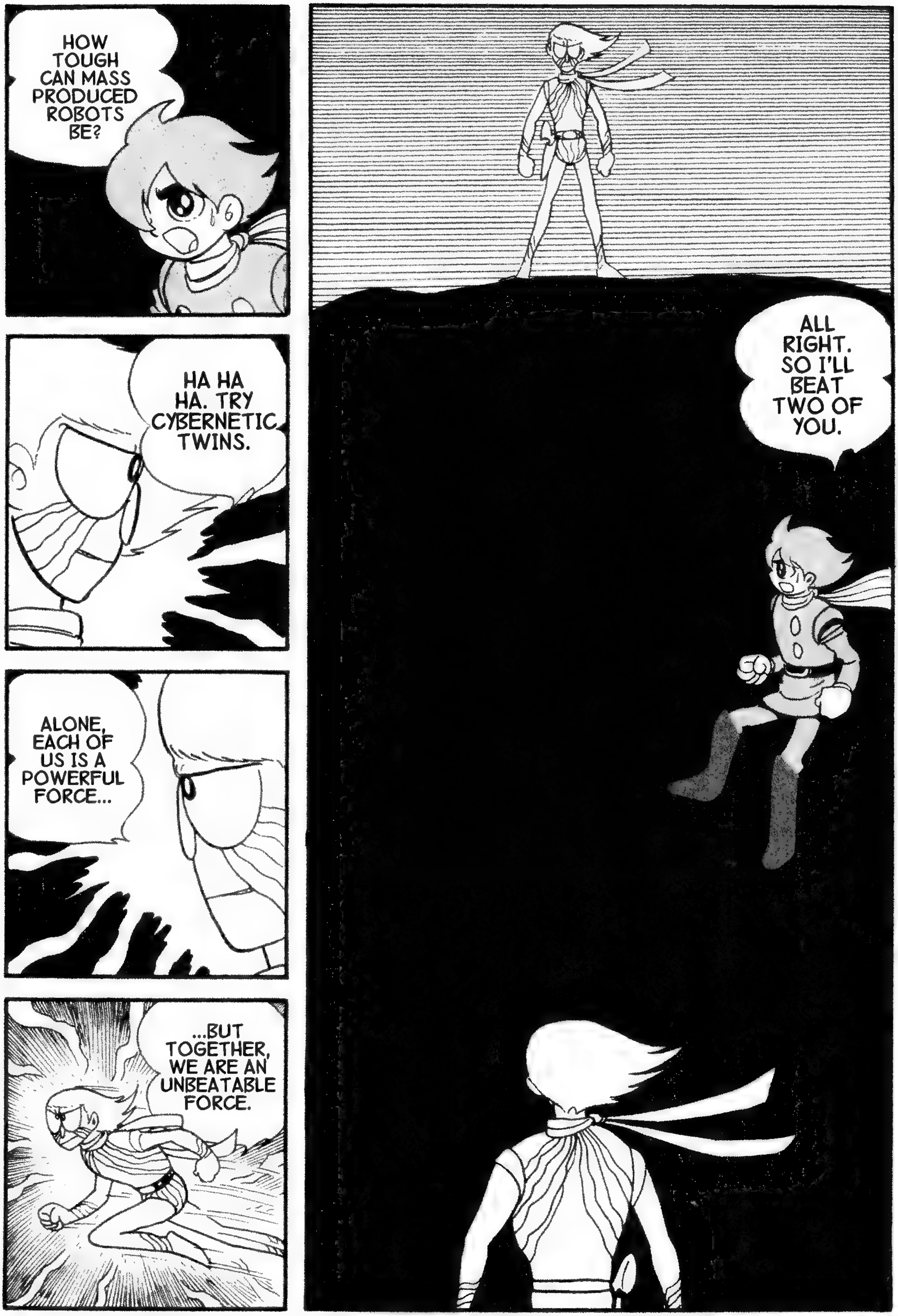

GAK
HA!
YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE ME!
BOOM
UH.
BAM
HUH?

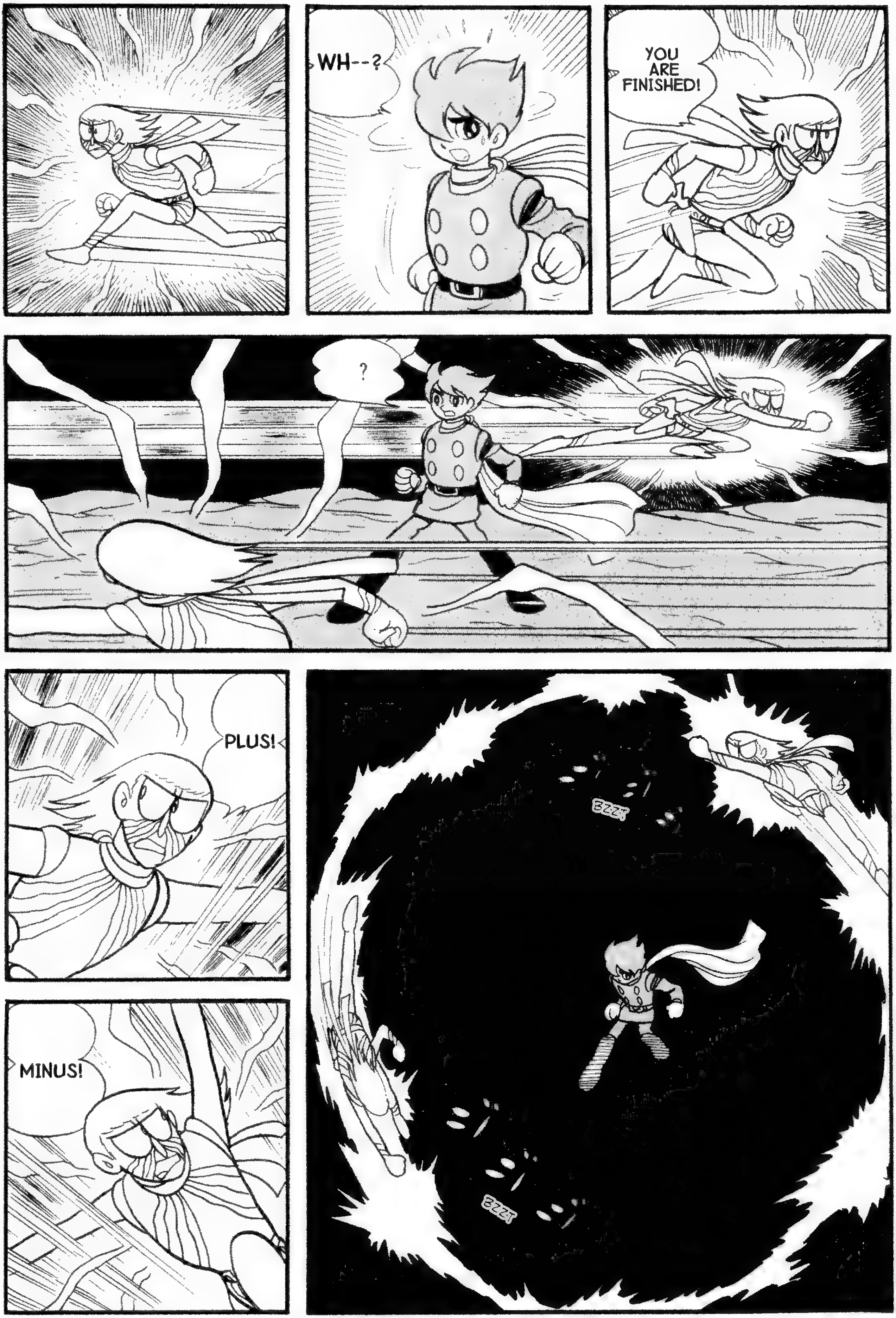

HMPH.
NOT BAD.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
......!
BZZT
ZZT
ARGH.
CRACKLE
HA HA HA HA.

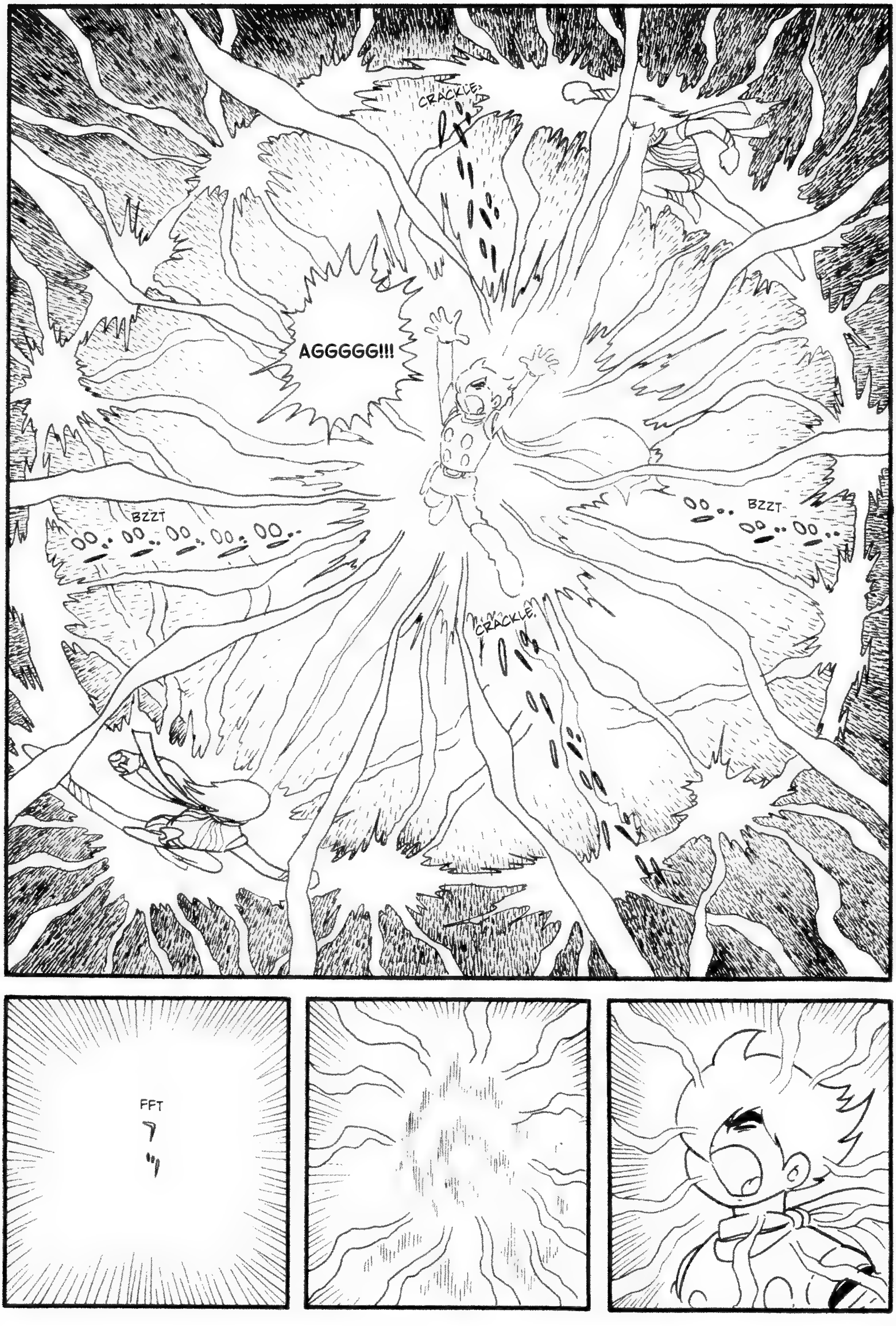

DIE!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
WHERE ...?!
CRACKLE
DAMN!
YOU'RE A SLIPPERY ONE.
BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE FOREVER!

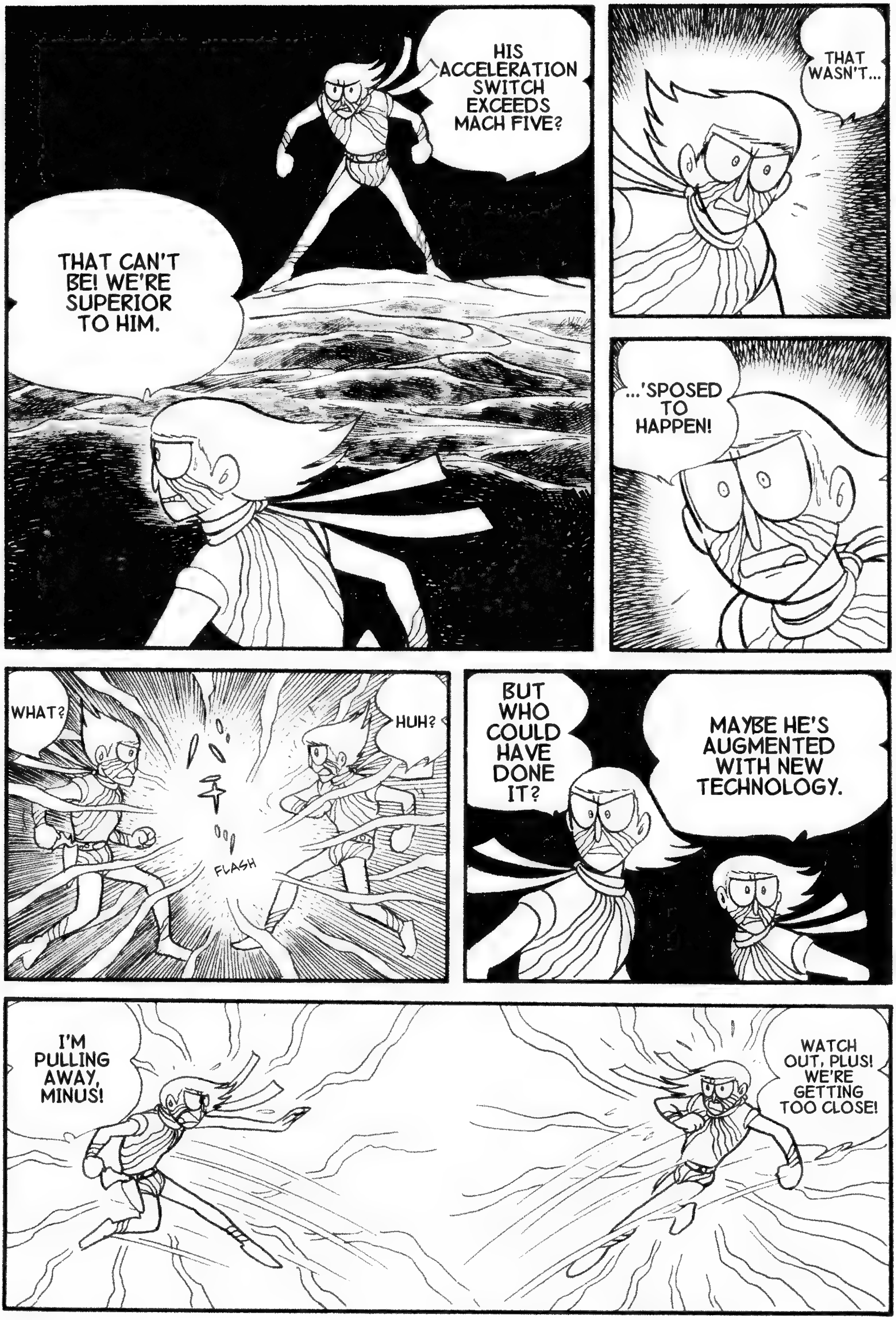

WHAT...
WHAT WAS I DOING?
NNGG. MY HEAD.
WHAT?!
THERE YOU ARE!
HUH?!
I'M AWAKE BUT...
...WHERE AM I?
WAIT.
HUH?

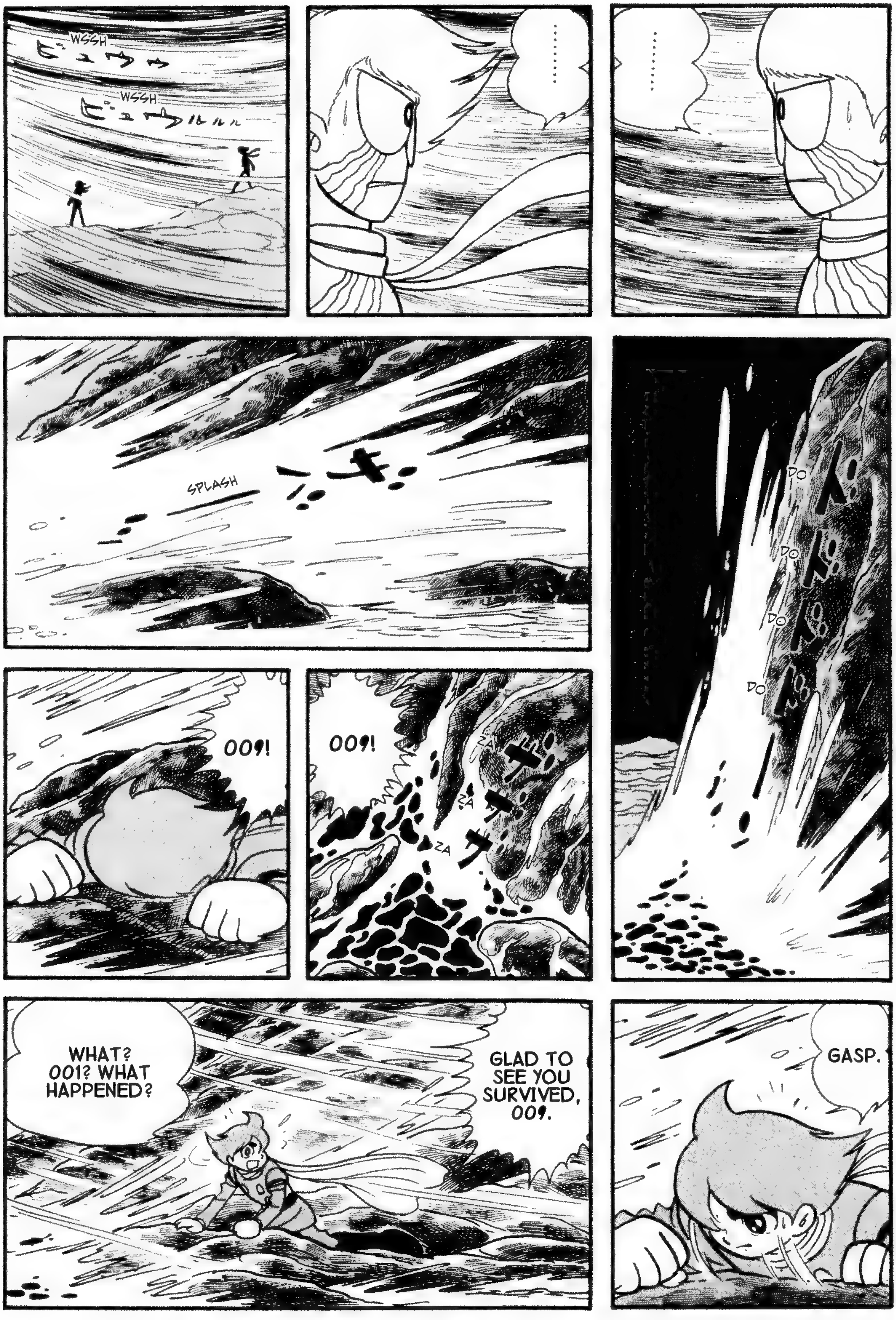

ヒュウ
VMM
ガチャ…
KACHAK
ガチャ…
KACHAK
OH NO.
TWO OF YOU?
HE IS KEEN!

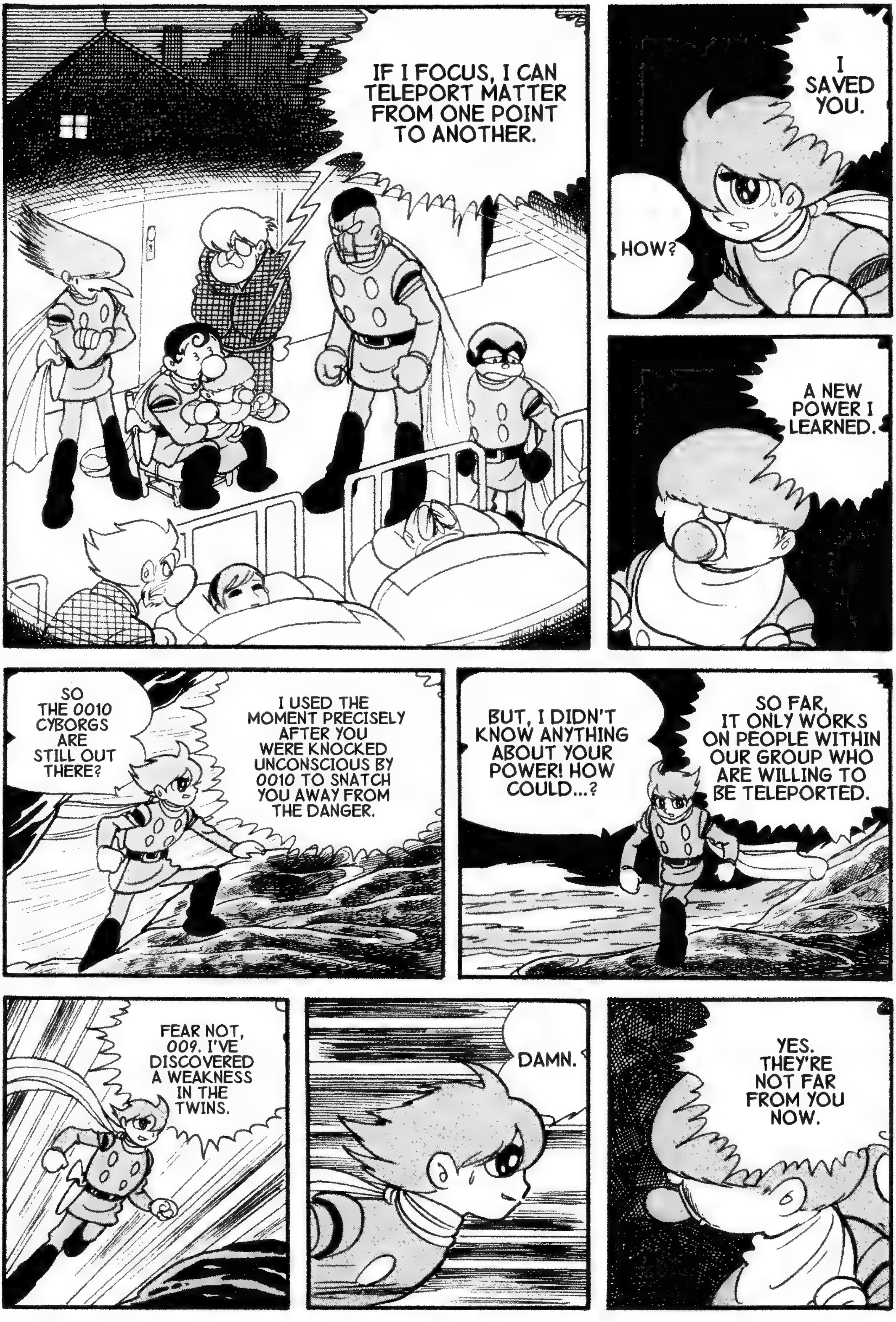

HOW TOUGH CAN MASS PRODUCED ROBOTS BE?
HA HA HA. TRY CYBERNETIC TWINS.
ALONE, EACH OF US IS A POWERFUL FORCE...
...BUT TOGETHER, WE ARE AN UNBEATABLE FORCE.
ALL RIGHT. SO I'LL BEAT TWO OF YOU.

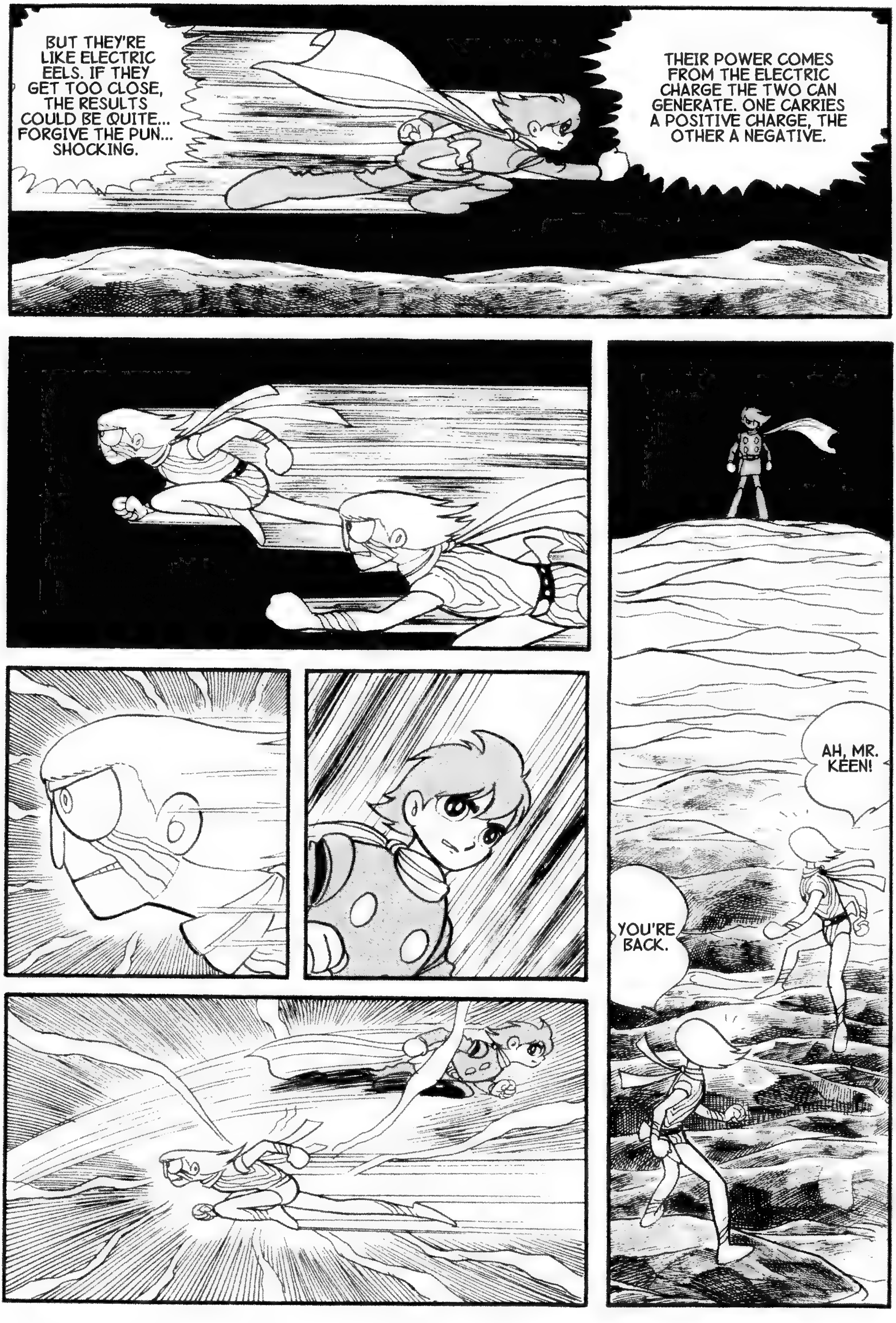

WH--?
YOU ARE FINISHED!
?
PLUS!
MINUS!
BZZT
BZZT

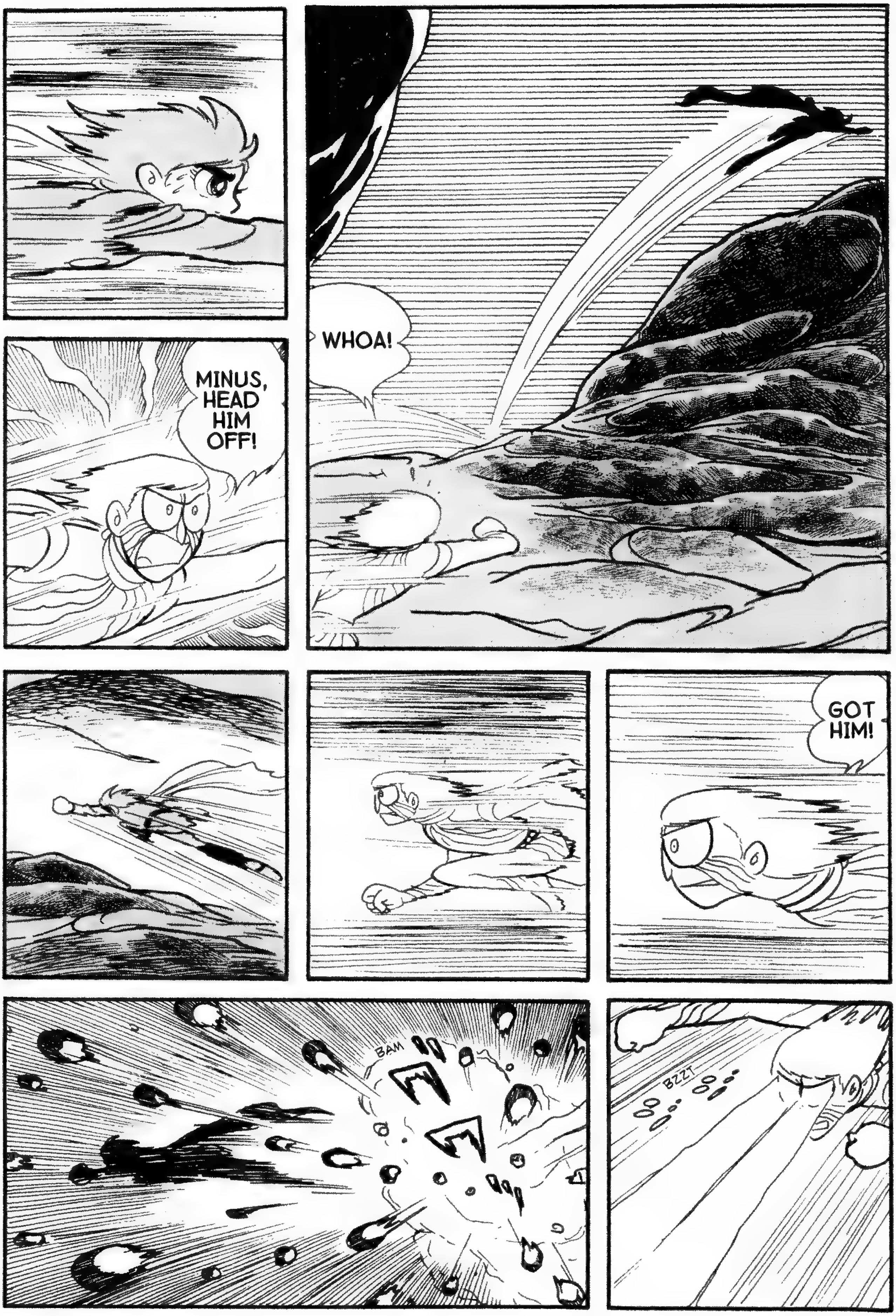

CRACKLE
AGGGGG!!!
BZZT
BZZT
CRACKLE
FFT

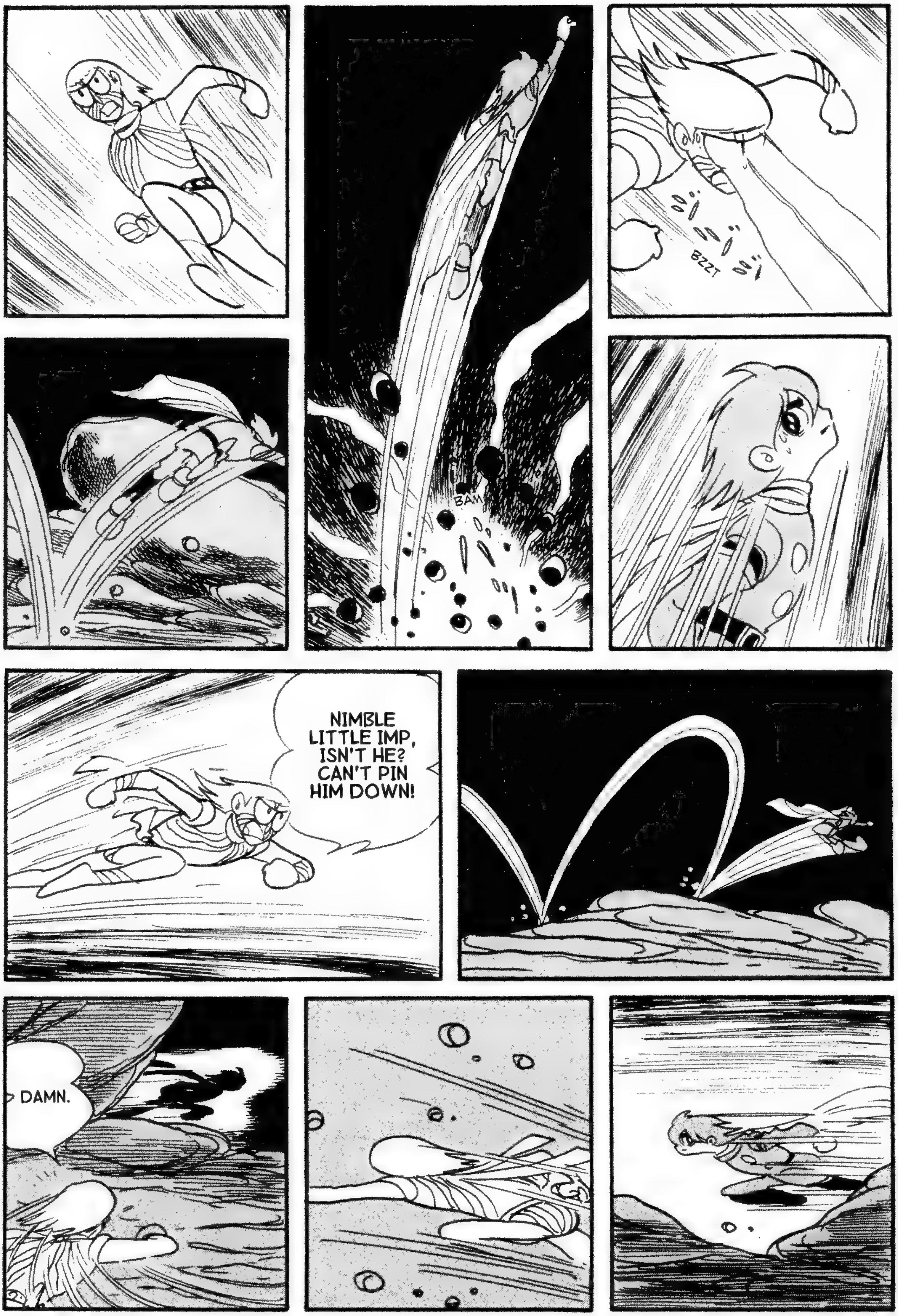

HIS ACCELERATION SWITCH EXCEEDS MACH FIVE?
THAT CAN'T BE! WE'RE SUPERIOR TO HIM.
THAT WASN'T...
...'SPOSED TO HAPPEN!
WHAT?
HUH?
FLASH
BUT WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT?
MAYBE HE'S AUGMENTED WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY.
I'M PULLING AWAY, MINUS!
WATCH OUT, PLUS! WE'RE GETTING TOO CLOSE!

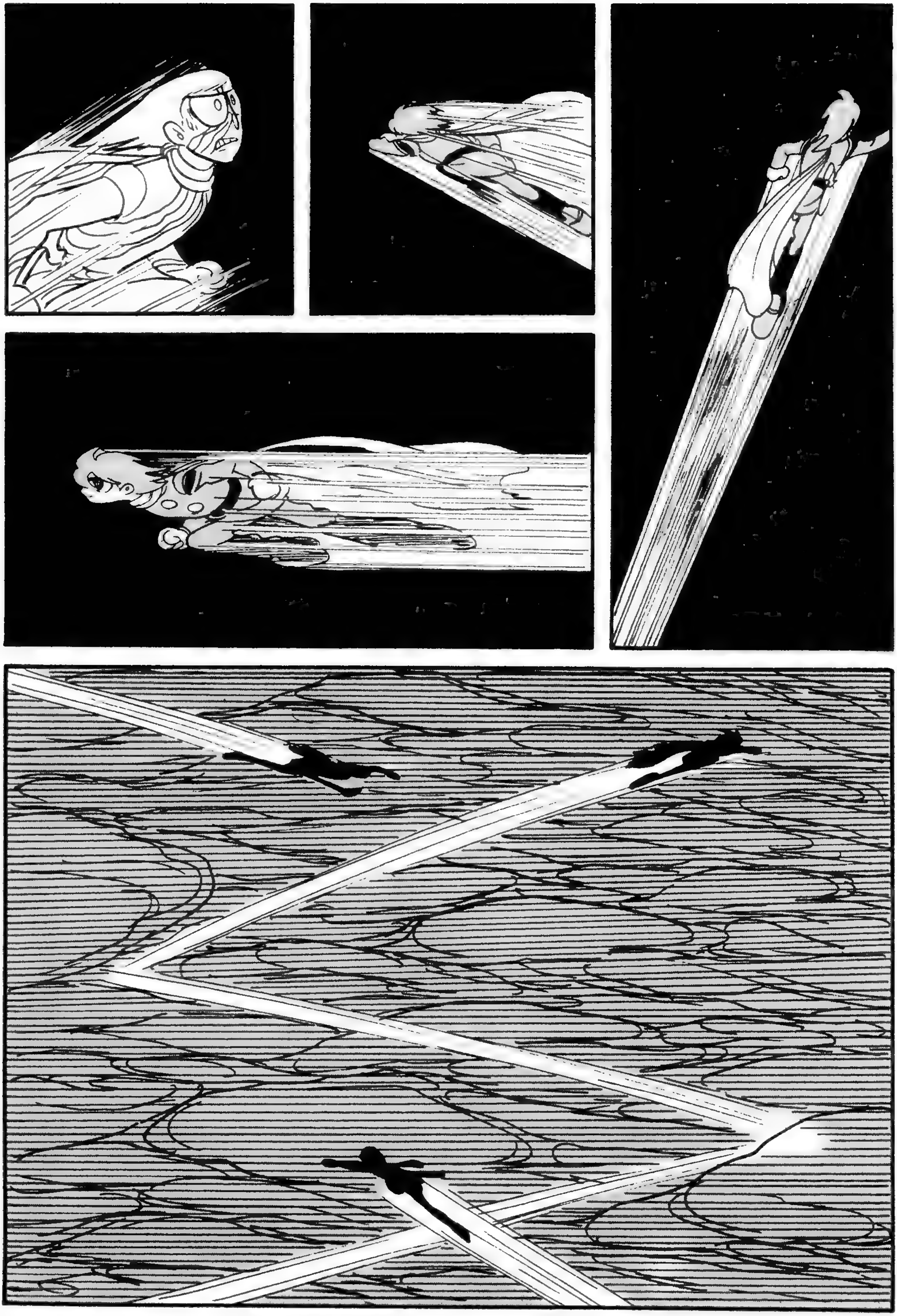

……
……
WSSH
ビュウゥ
WSSH
ビュウルルル
DO DO DO DO
ドドドド
SPLASH
009!
ZA ZA ZA
ザザザ
009!
GASP.
GLAD TO SEE YOU SURVIVED, 009.
WHAT? 001? WHAT HAPPENED?

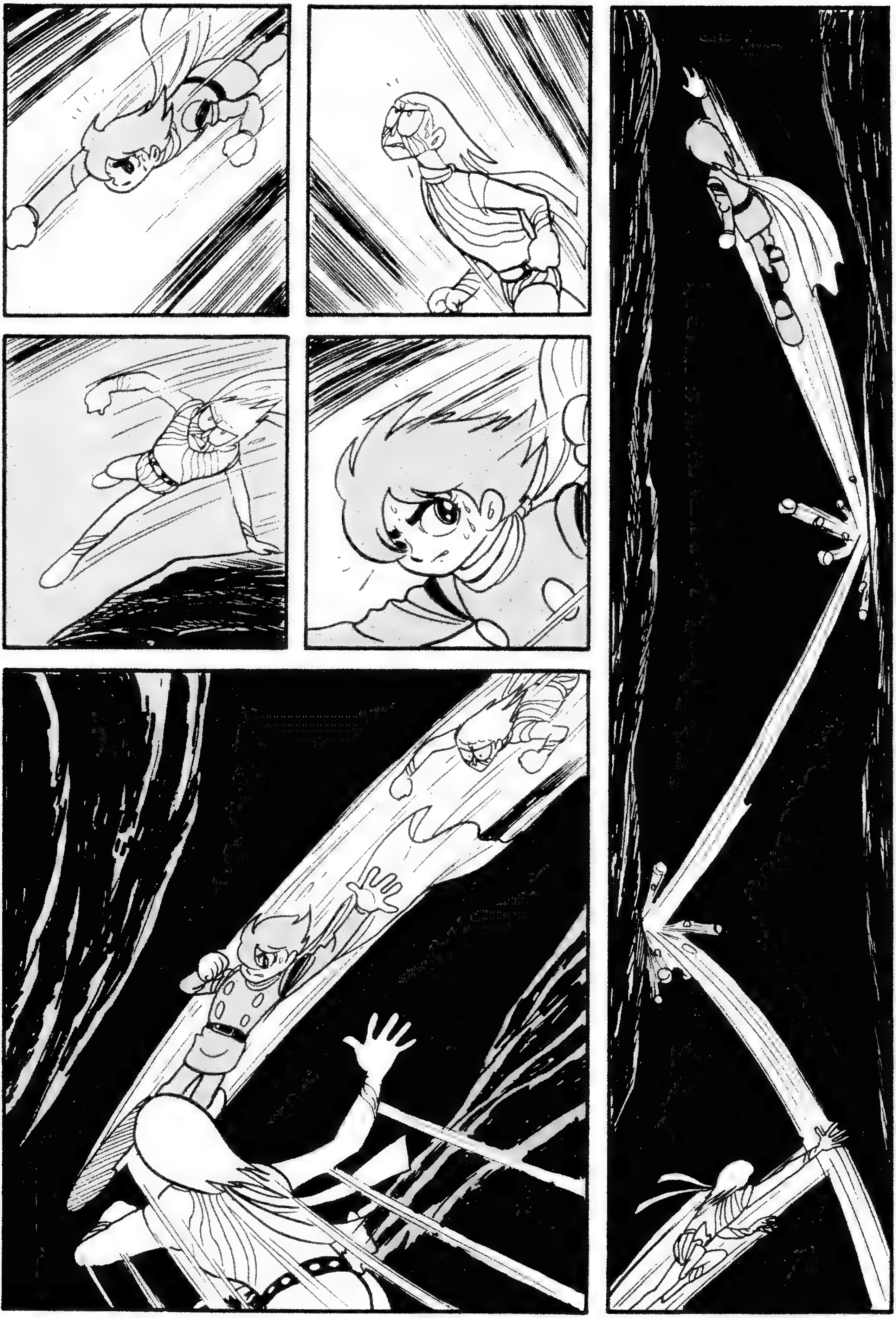

I SAVED YOU.
HOW?
A NEW POWER I LEARNED.
IF I FOCUS, I CAN TELEPORT MATTER FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER.
BUT, I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR POWER! HOW COULD...?
SO FAR, IT ONLY WORKS ON PEOPLE WITHIN OUR GROUP WHO ARE WILLING TO BE TELEPORTED.
I USED THE MOMENT PRECISELY AFTER YOU WERE KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY 0010 TO SNATCH YOU AWAY FROM THE DANGER.
SO THE 0010 CYBORGS ARE STILL OUT THERE?
YES. THEY'RE NOT FAR FROM YOU NOW.
DAMN.
FEAR NOT, 009. I'VE DISCOVERED A WEAKNESS IN THE TWINS.

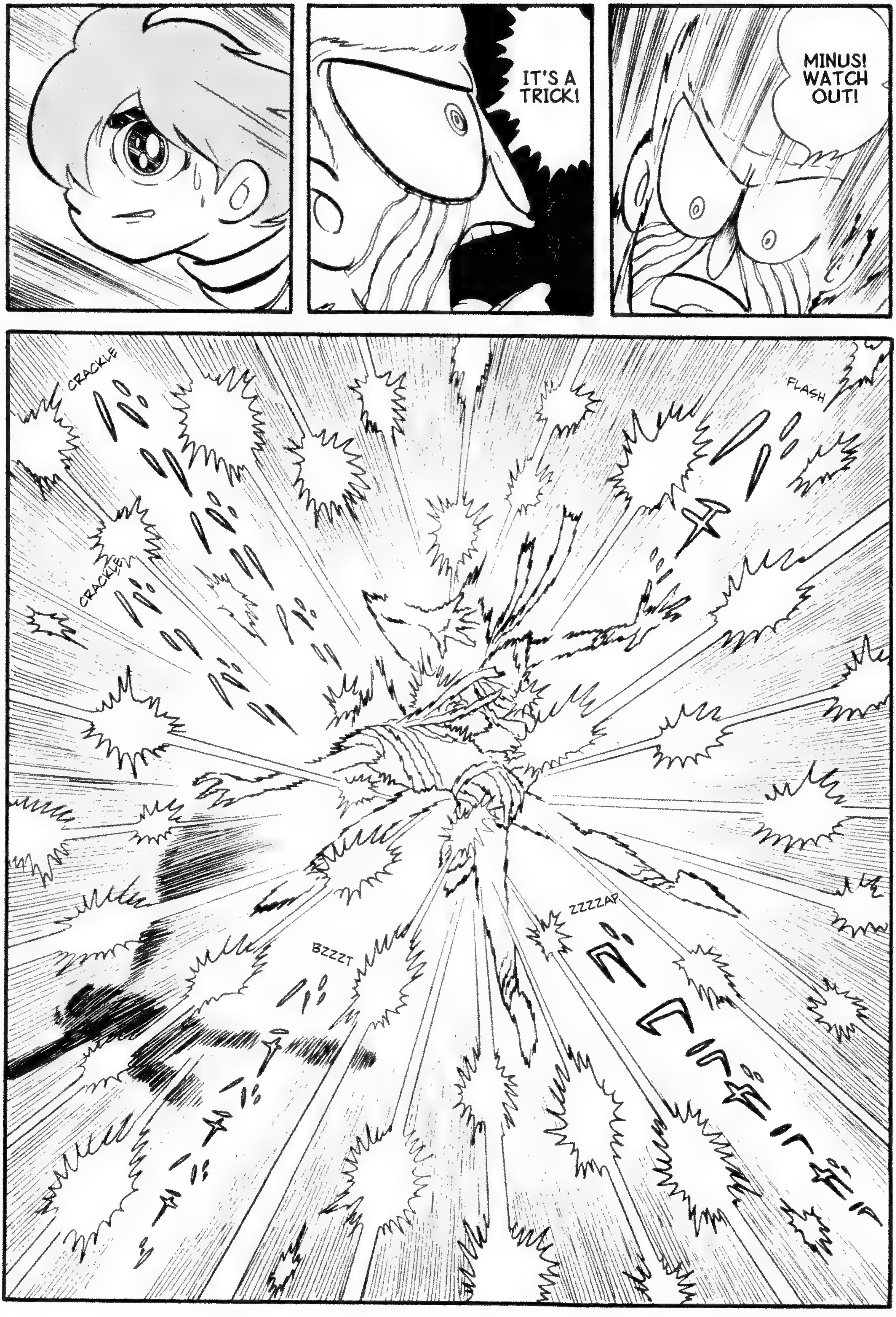

THEIR POWER COMES FROM THE ELECTRIC CHARGE THE TWO CAN GENERATE. ONE CARRIES A POSITIVE CHARGE, THE OTHER A NEGATIVE.
BUT THEY'RE LIKE ELECTRIC EELS. IF THEY GET TOO CLOSE, THE RESULTS COULD BE QUITE... FORGIVE THE PUN... SHOCKING.
AH, MR. KEEN!
YOU'RE BACK.

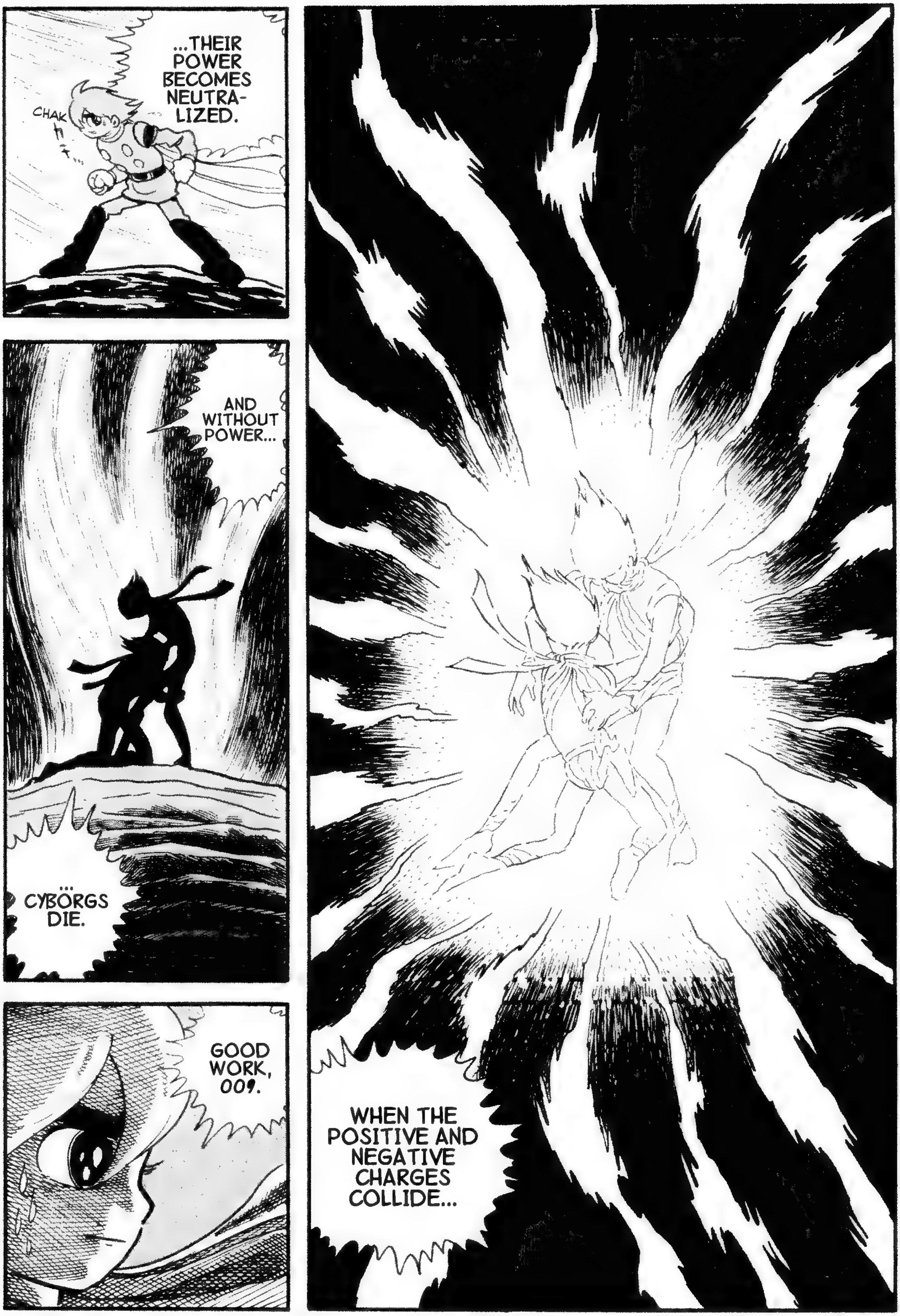

MINUS, HEAD HIM OFF!
WHOA!
GOT HIM!
BAM
BZZT

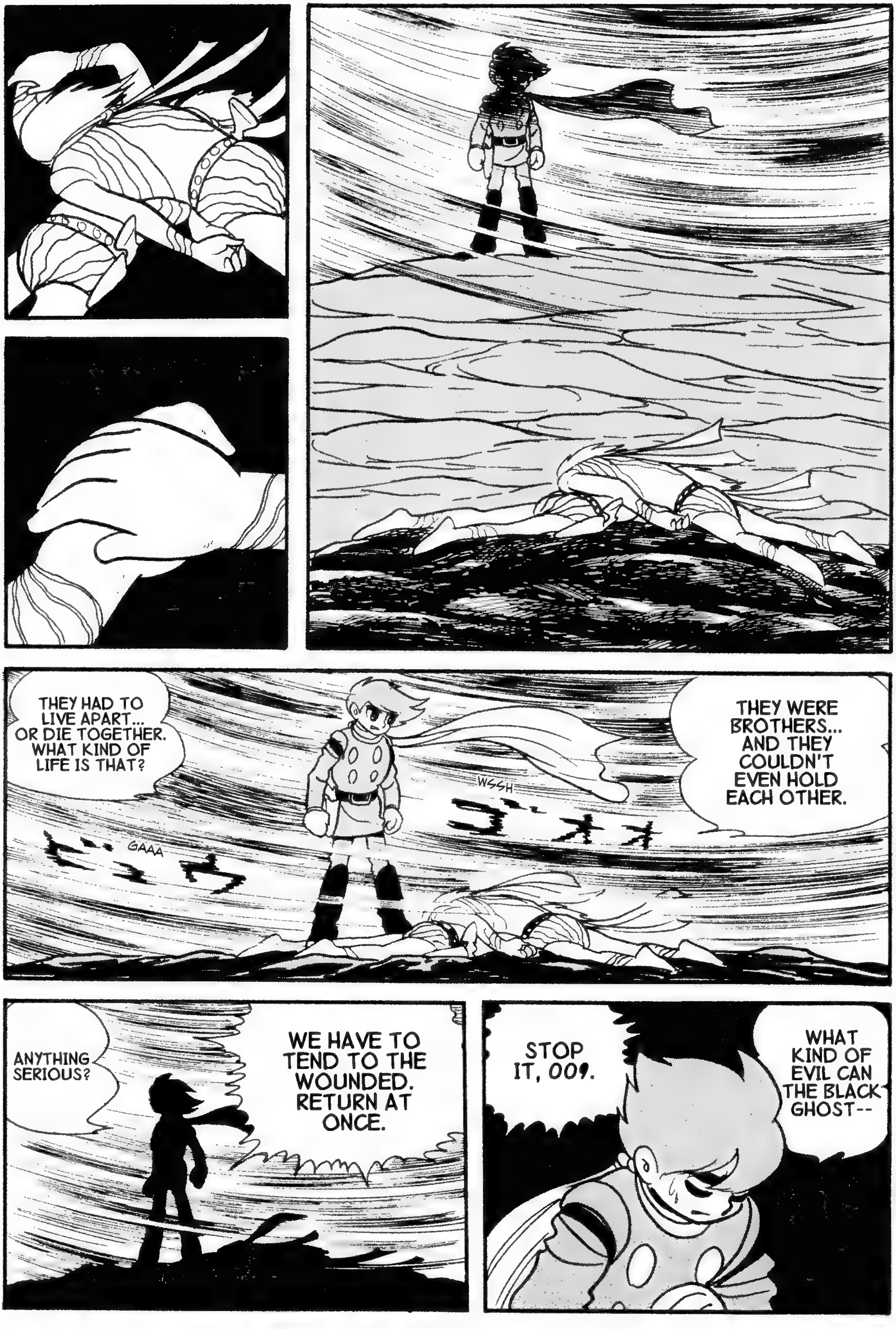

BZZT
BAM
NIMBLE LITTLE IMP, ISN'T HE? CAN'T PIN HIM DOWN!
DAMN.

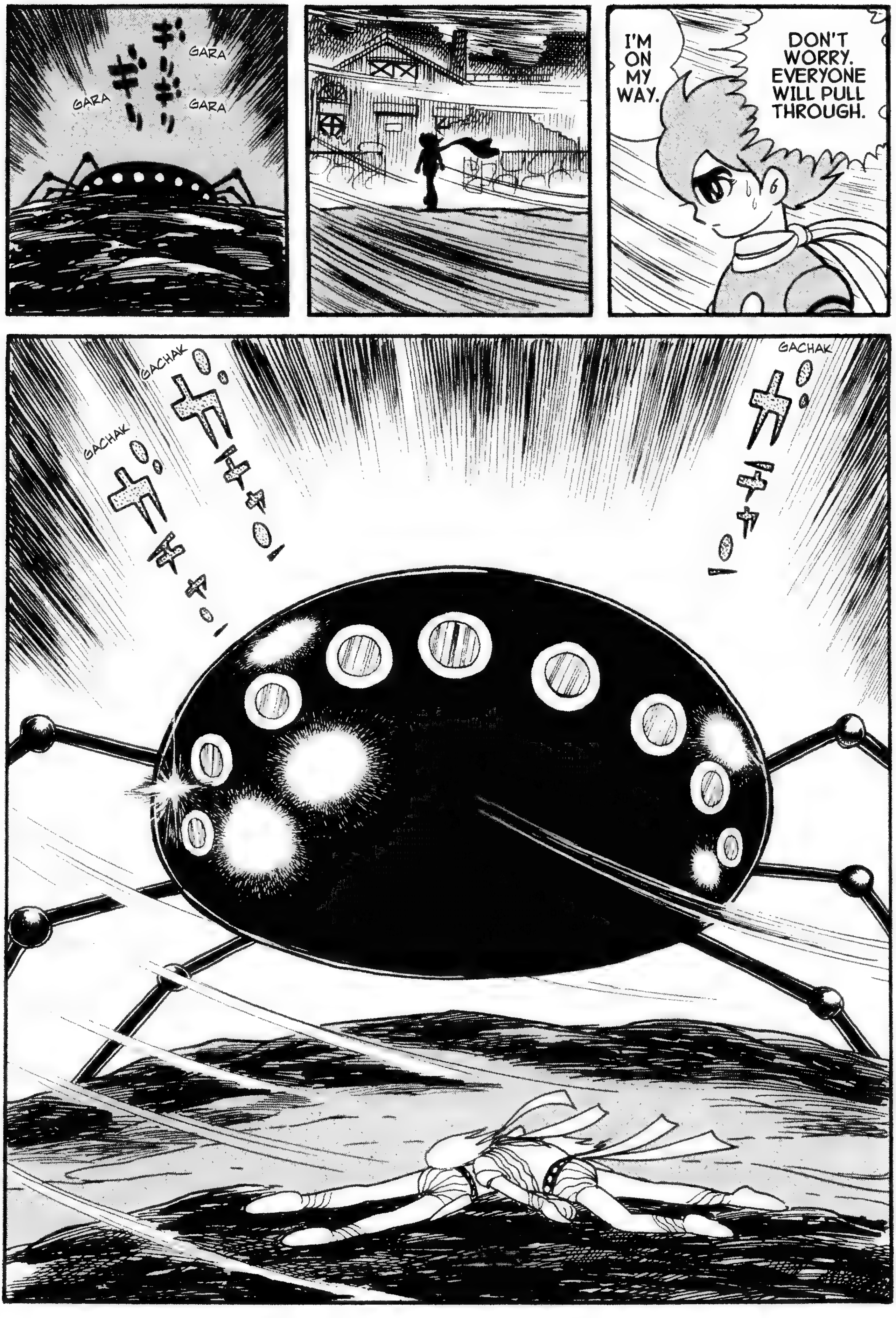


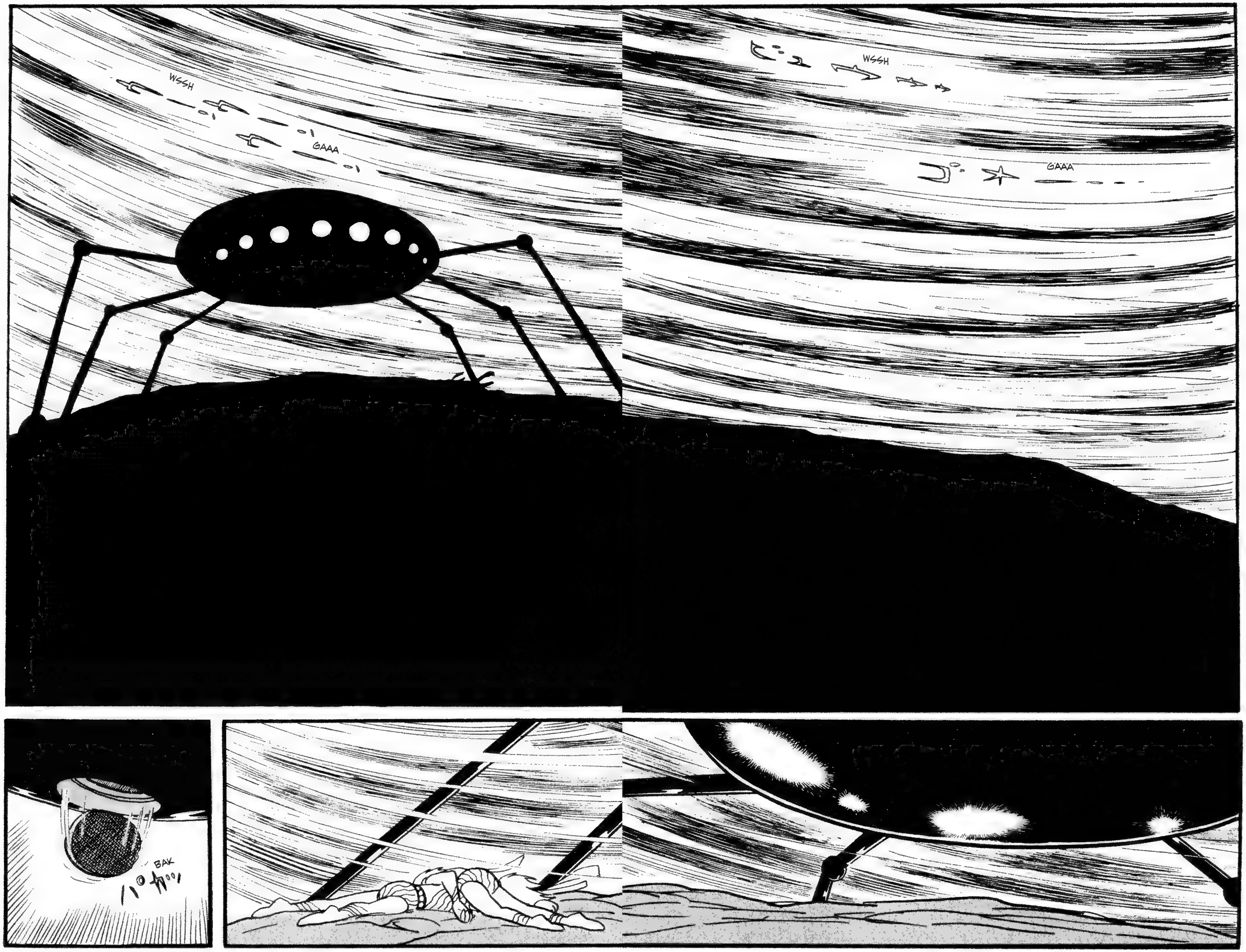



IT'S A TRICK!
MINUS! WATCH OUT!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
FLASH
ZZZZAP
BZZZT


WHEN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CHARGES COLLIDE...
...THEIR POWER BECOMES NEUTRALIZED.
CHAK
カチ...
AND WITHOUT POWER...
...CYBORGS DIE.
GOOD WORK, 009.


THEY WERE BROTHERS... AND THEY COULDN'T EVEN HOLD EACH OTHER.
WSSH
THEY HAD TO LIVE APART... OR DIE TOGETHER. WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THAT?
GAAA
WE HAVE TO TEND TO THE WOUNDED. RETURN AT ONCE.
ANYTHING SERIOUS?
WHAT KIND OF EVIL CAN THE BLACK GHOST--
STOP IT, 009.


DON'T WORRY. EVERYONE WILL PULL THROUGH.
I'M ON MY WAY.
ギリギリ
ギリ
GARA
GARA
GARA
GACHAK
ガチャッ!
GACHAK
ガチャッ!
GACHAK
ガチャッ!


WSSH
GAAA
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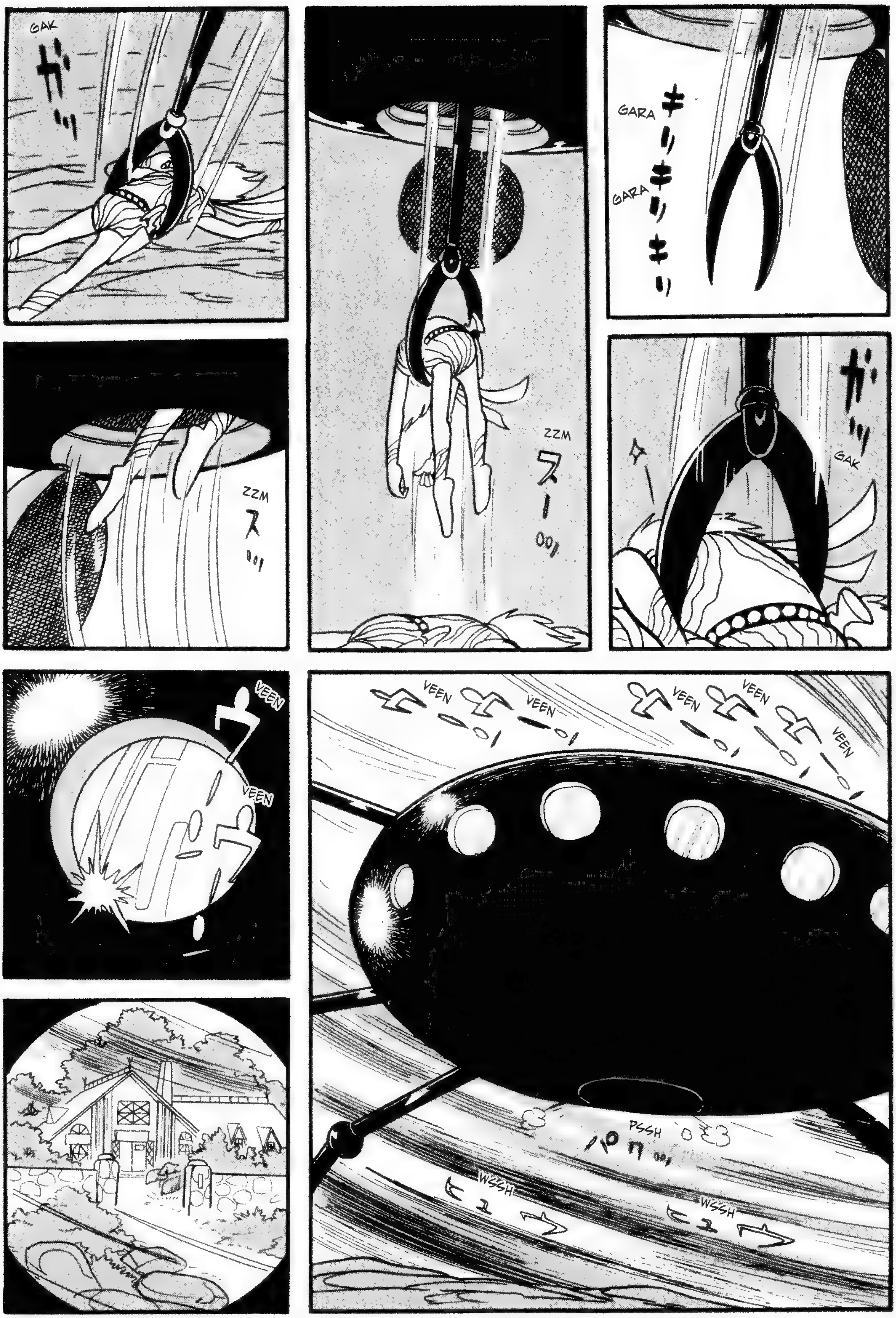
GAAA
BAK
パカッ


GARA GARA
キリキリキリ
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VEEN VEEN VEEN VEEN VEEN
ヴーン ヴーン ヴーン ヴーン ヴーン
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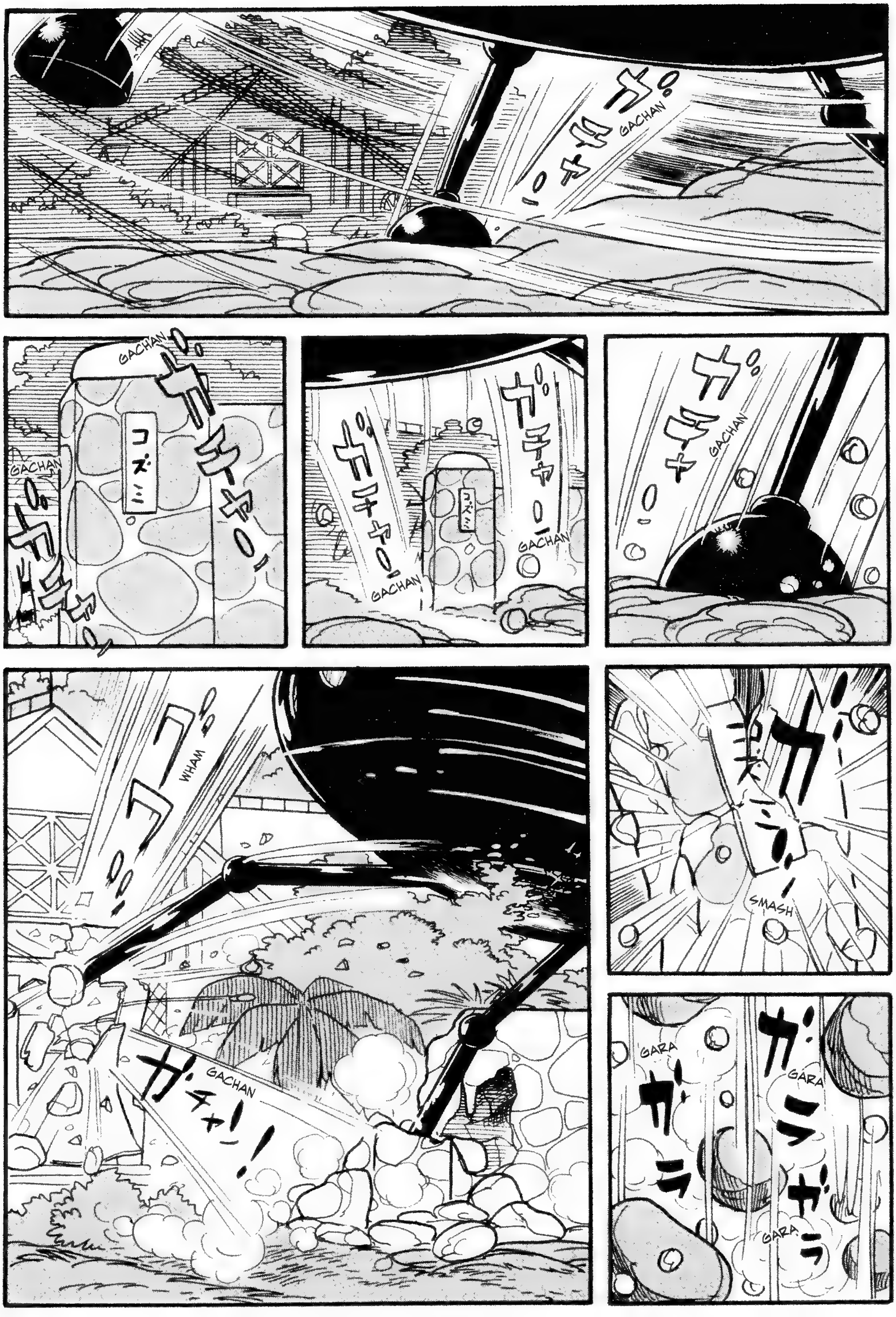
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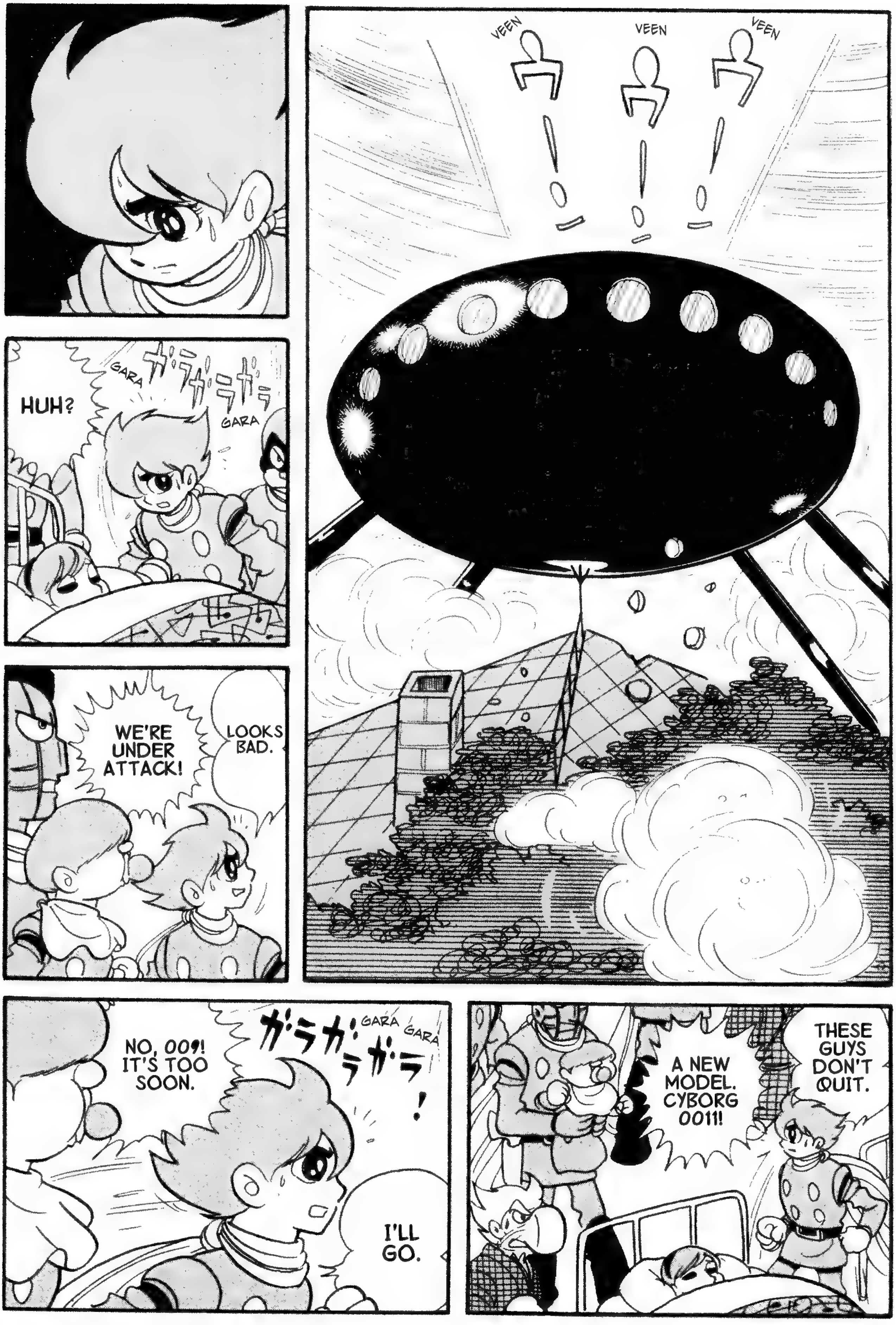
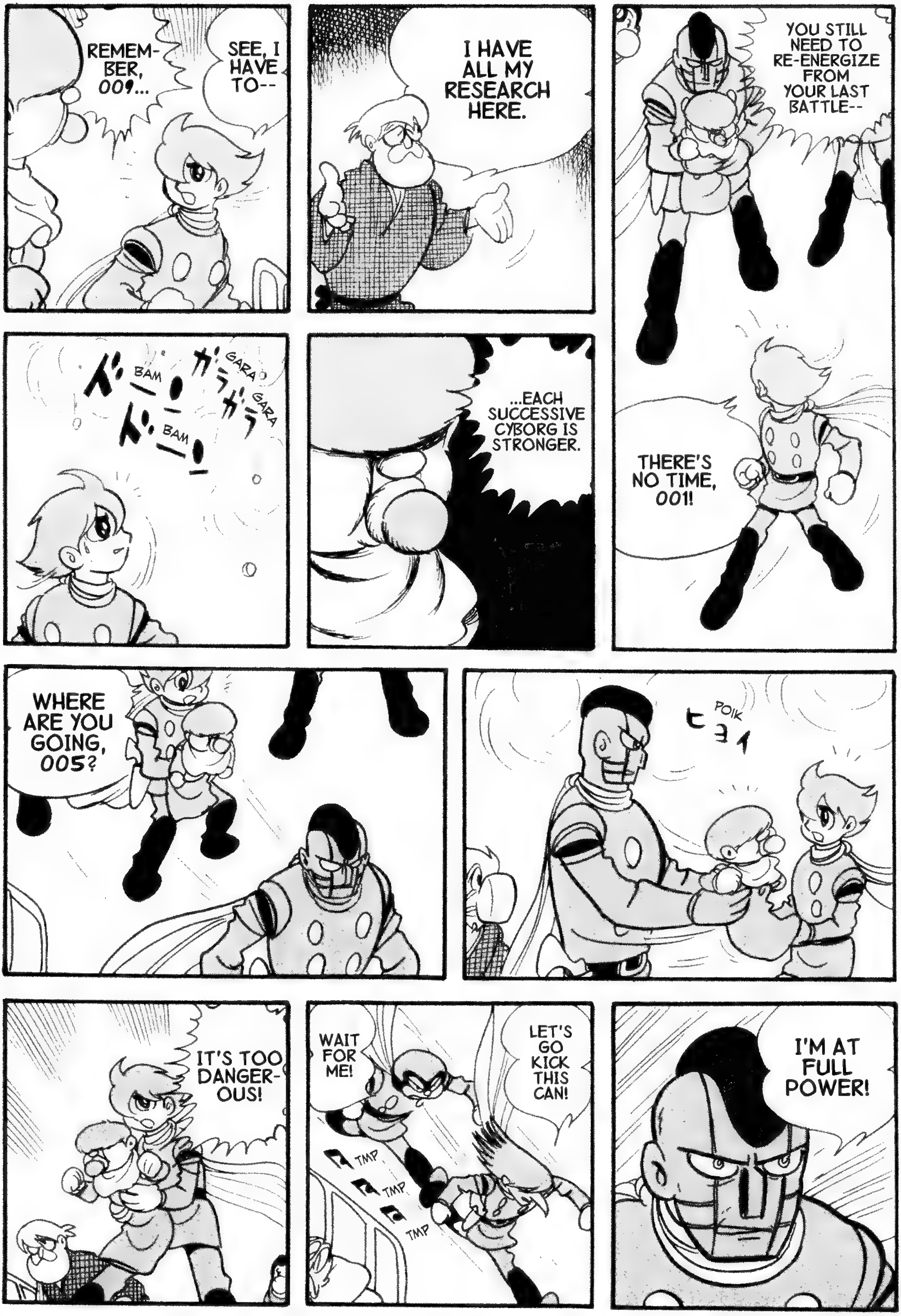
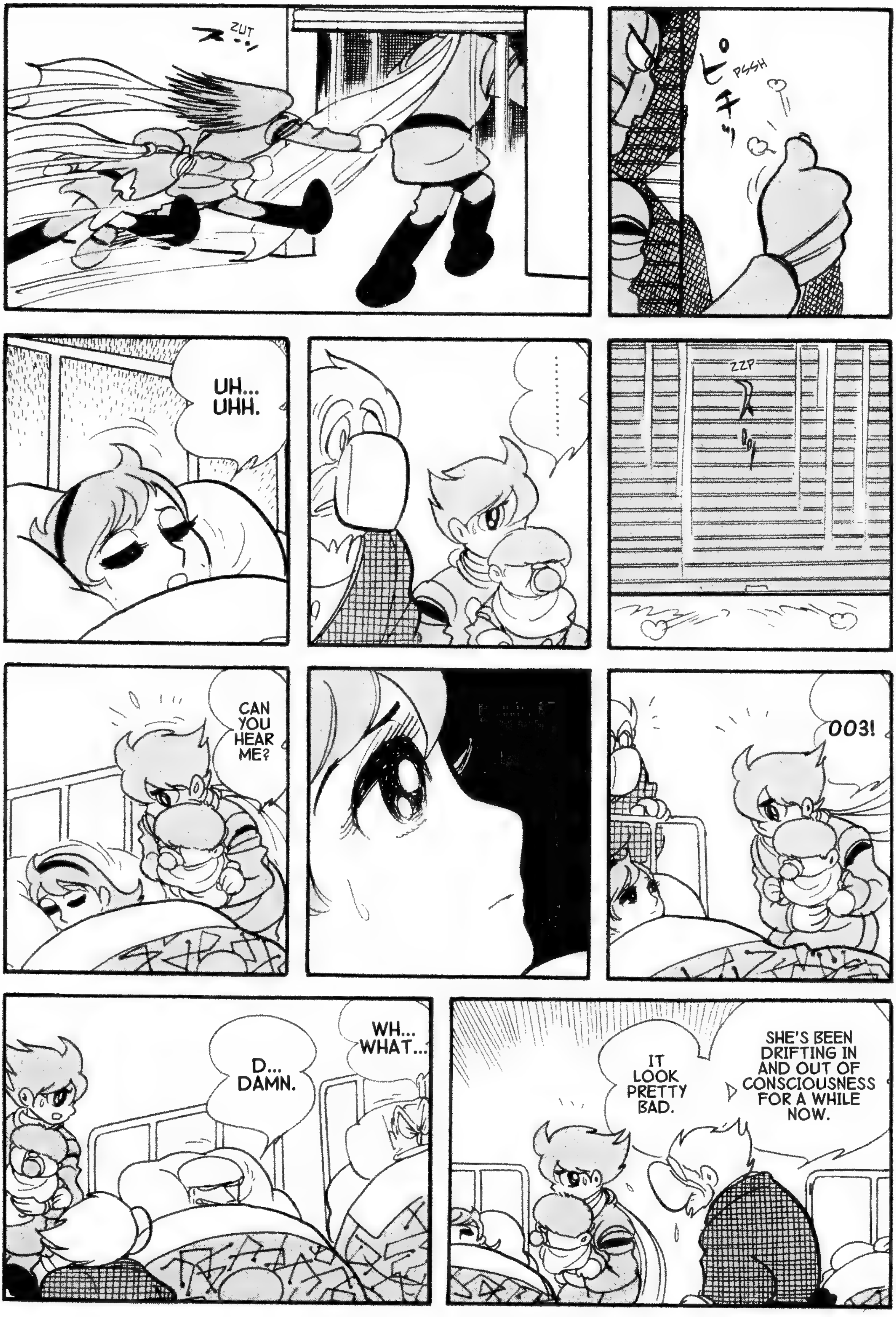
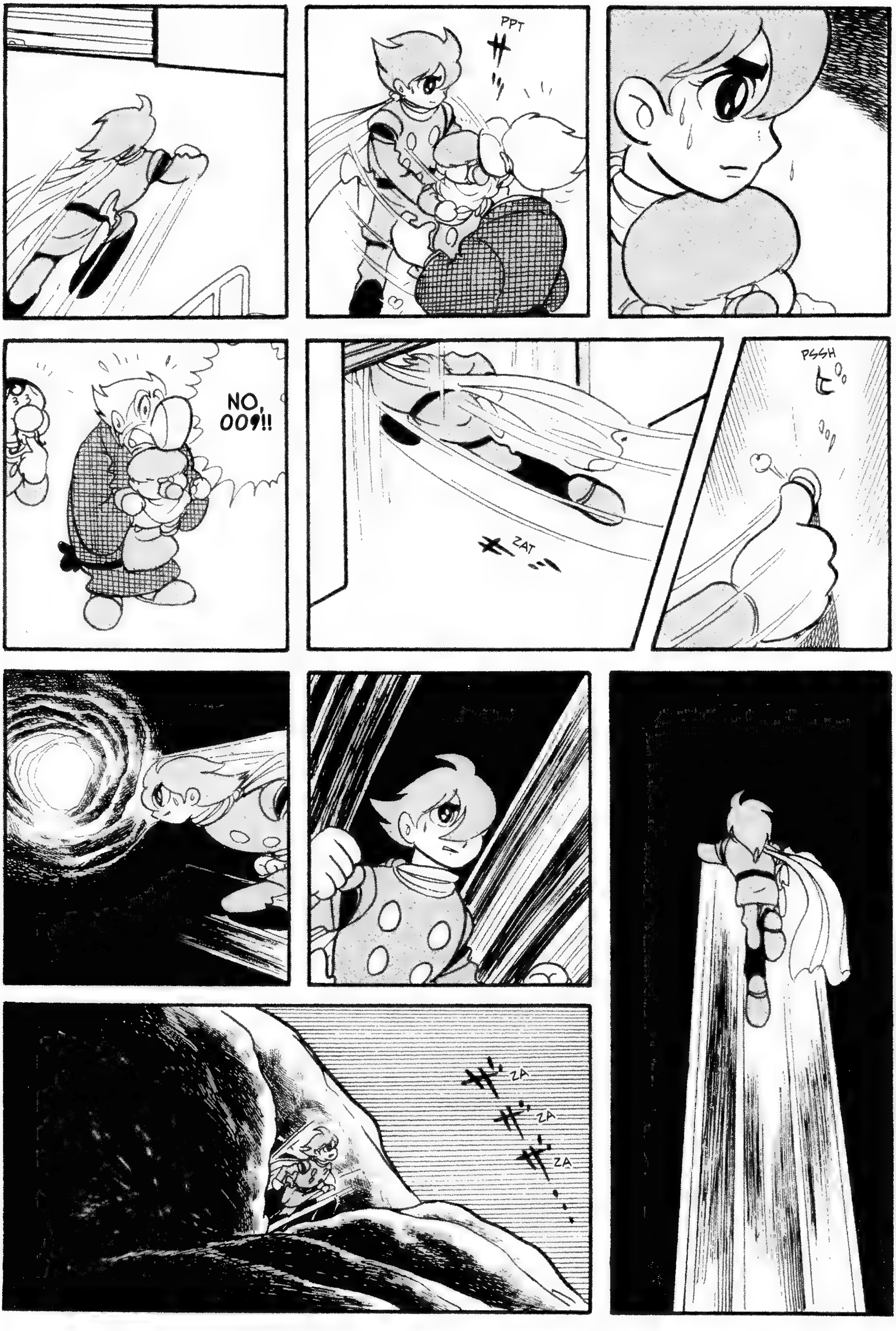
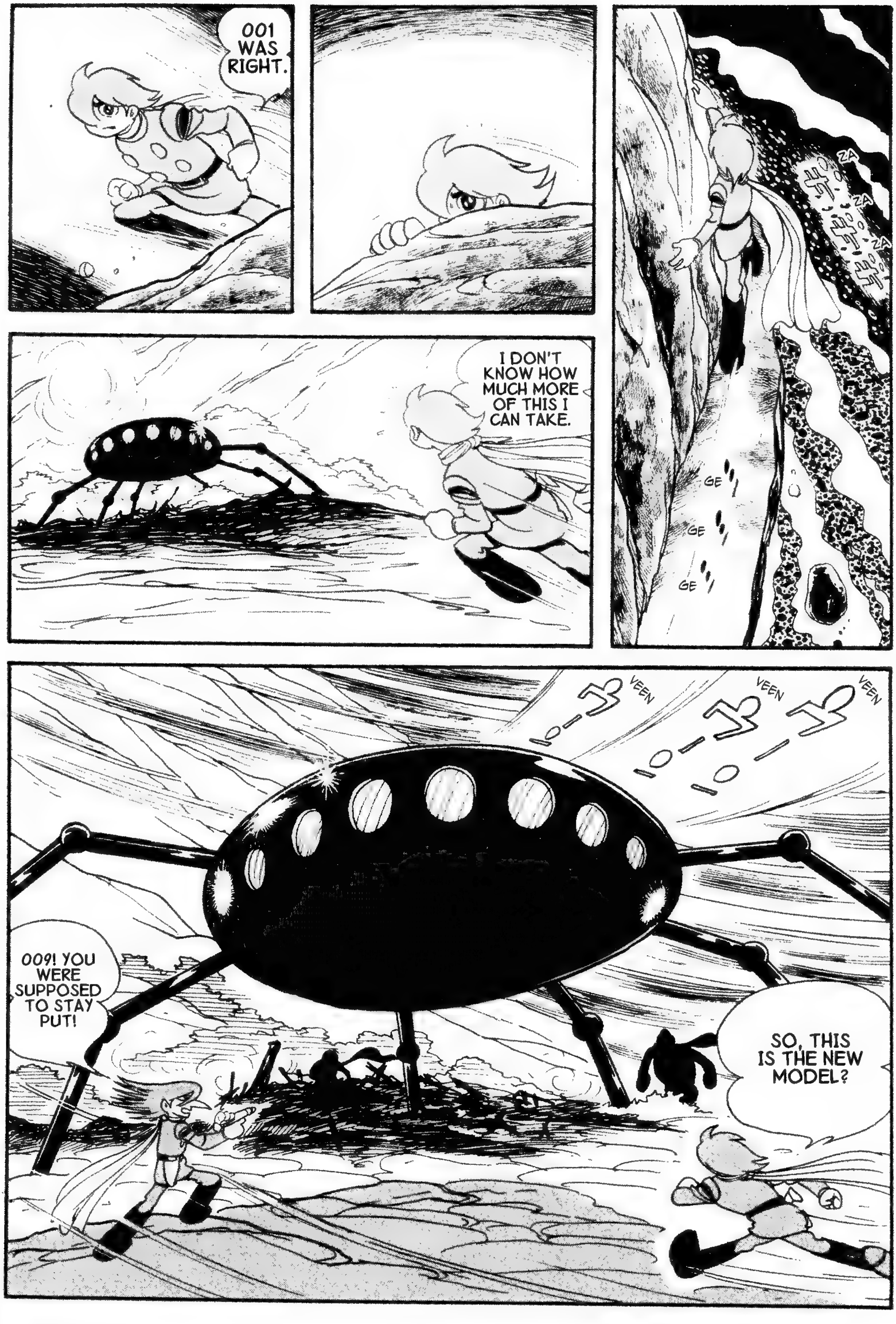
GACHAN
ガチャーン
GACHAN
コズミ
ガチャン
GACHAN
ガチャーン
GACHAN
コズミ
ガチャーン
GACHAN
ガチャン。
GACHAN
ワワン!!
WHAM
ガチャン!
GACHAN
ガシャーン!
SMASH
ガラガラ
GARA
ガラガラ
GARA
GARA

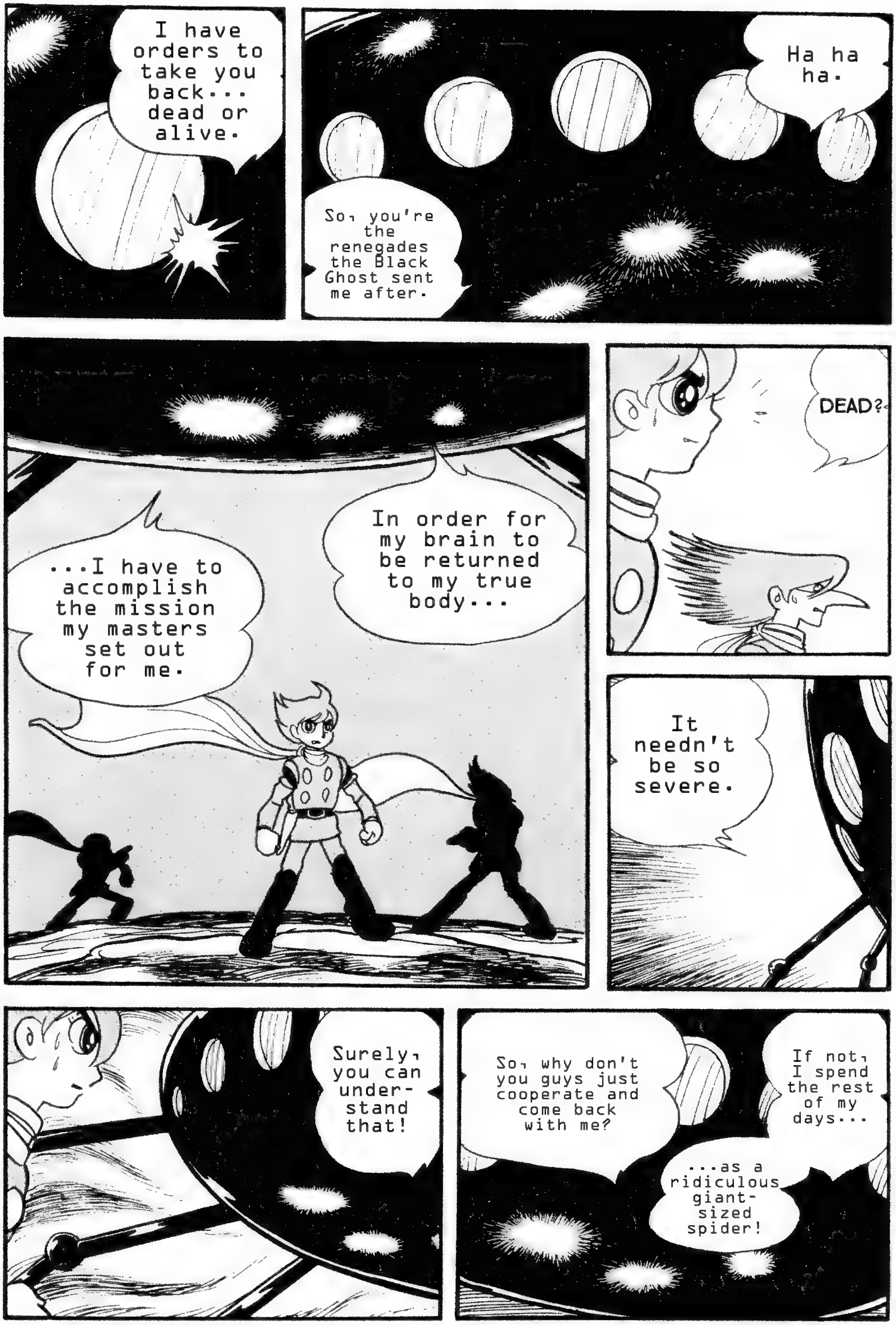

HUH?
ガラガラガラ
GARA
GARA
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
LOOKS BAD.
VEEN
VEEN
VEEN
I'LL GO.
NO, 009! IT'S TOO SOON.
ガラガラガラ!
GARA
GARA
THESE GUYS DON'T QUIT.
A NEW MODEL. CYBORG 0011!

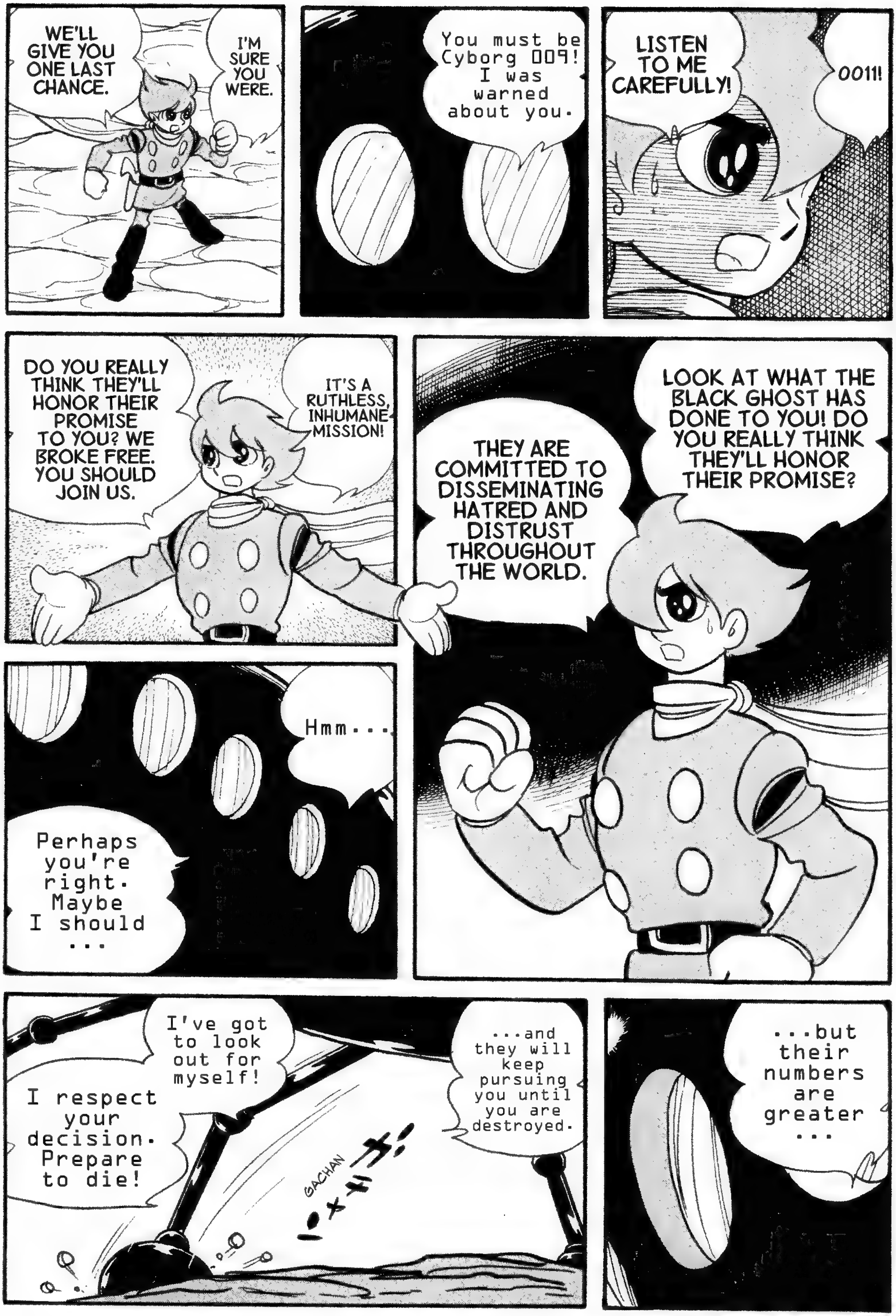

REMEMBER, 009...
SEE, I HAVE TO--
I HAVE ALL MY RESEARCH HERE.
YOU STILL NEED TO RE-ENERGIZE FROM YOUR LAST BATTLE--
BAM
GARA
GARA
BAM
...EACH SUCCESSIVE CYBORG IS STRONGER.
THERE'S NO TIME, 001!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, 005?
POIK
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
WAIT FOR ME!
LET'S GO KICK THIS CAN!
TMP
TMP
TMP
I'M AT FULL POWER!

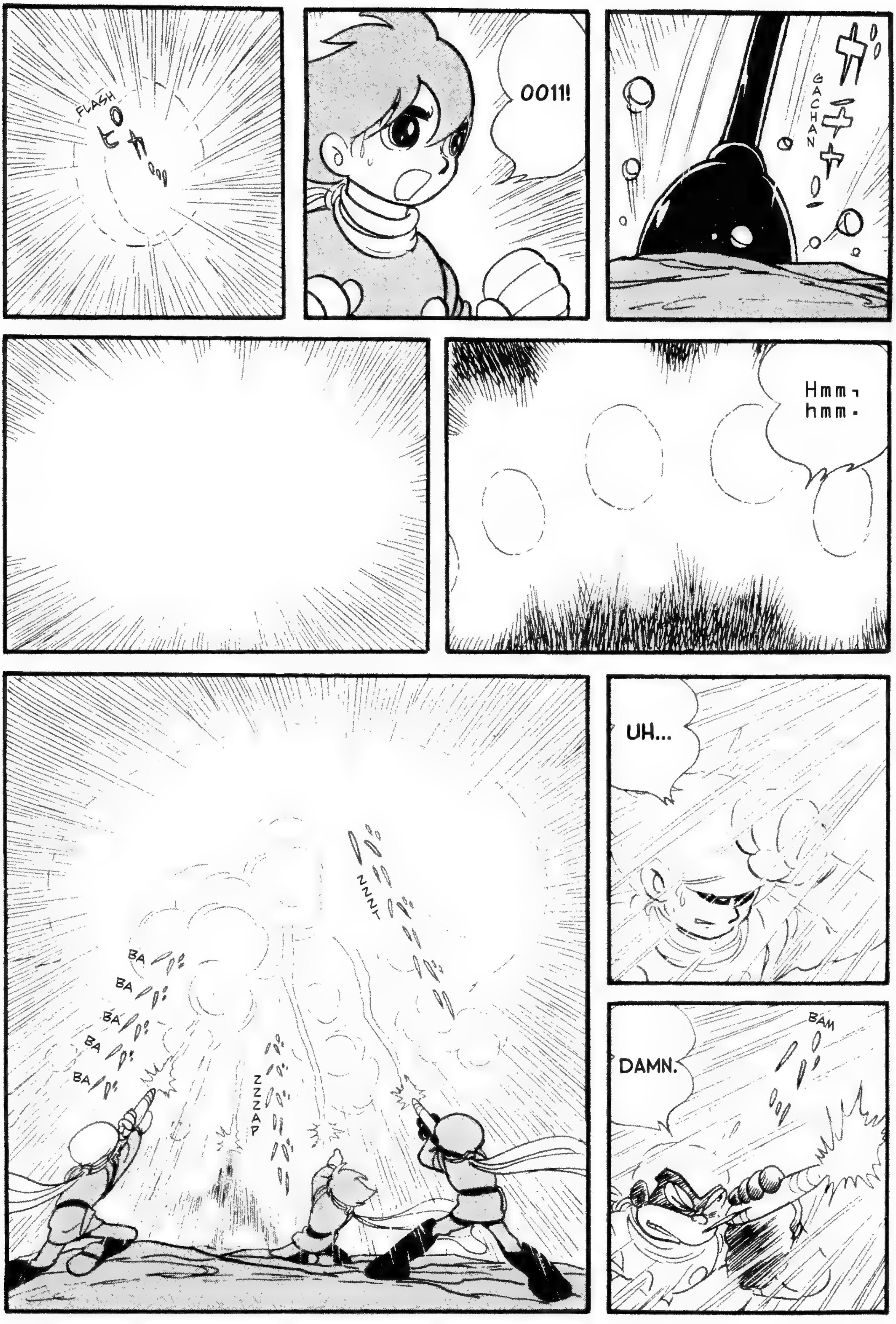

PSSH
ピチッ
ZUT
ZZP
......
UH... UHH.
003!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
SHE'S BEEN DRIFTING IN AND OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A WHILE NOW.
IT LOOK PRETTY BAD.
WH... WHAT...
D... DAMN.

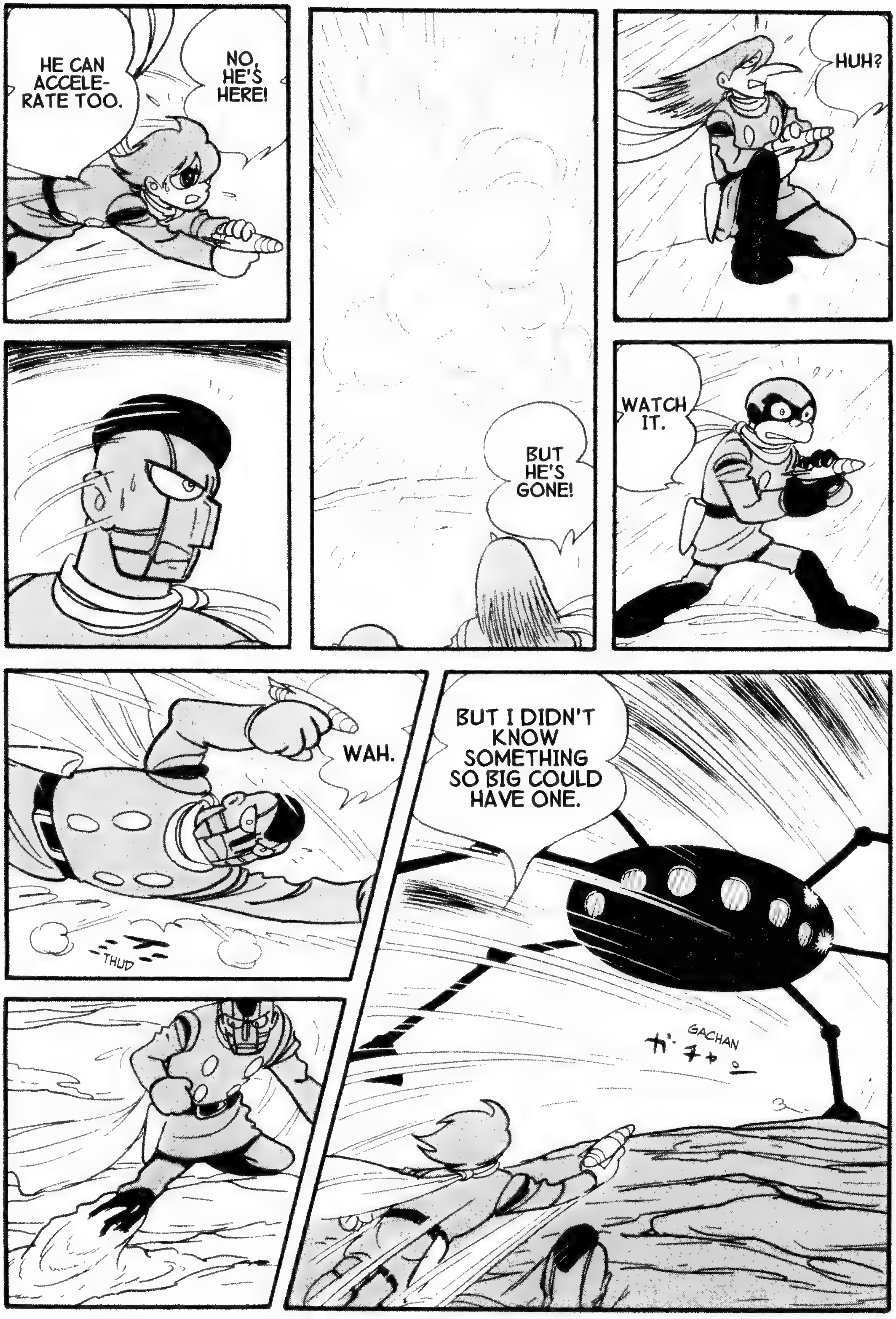

PPT
PSSH
ZAT
NO, 009!!
ZA
ZA
ZA

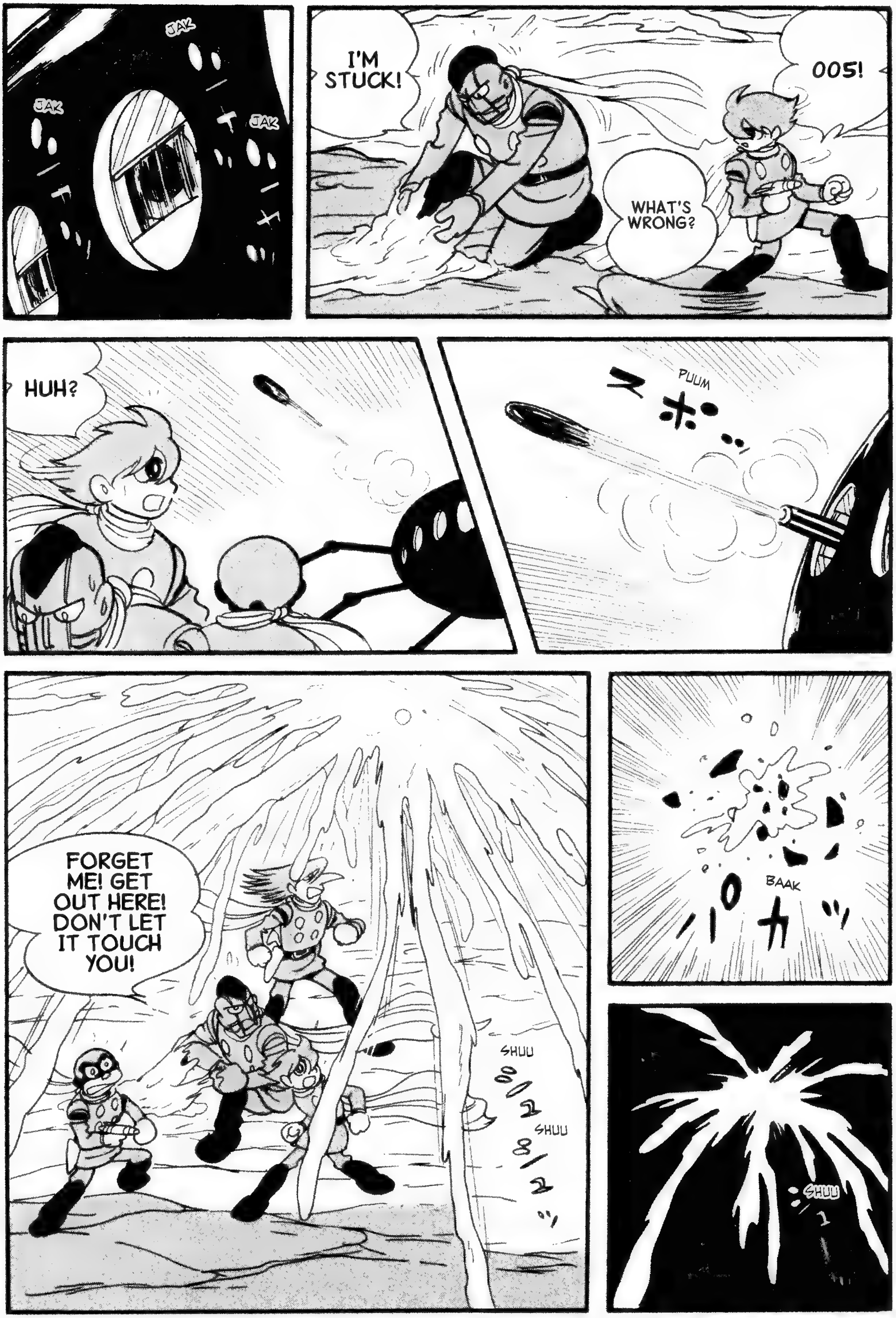

001 WAS RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS I CAN TAKE.
ZA ZA ZA
GE GE GE
VEEN VEEN VEEN
009! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO STAY PUT!
SO, THIS IS THE NEW MODEL?

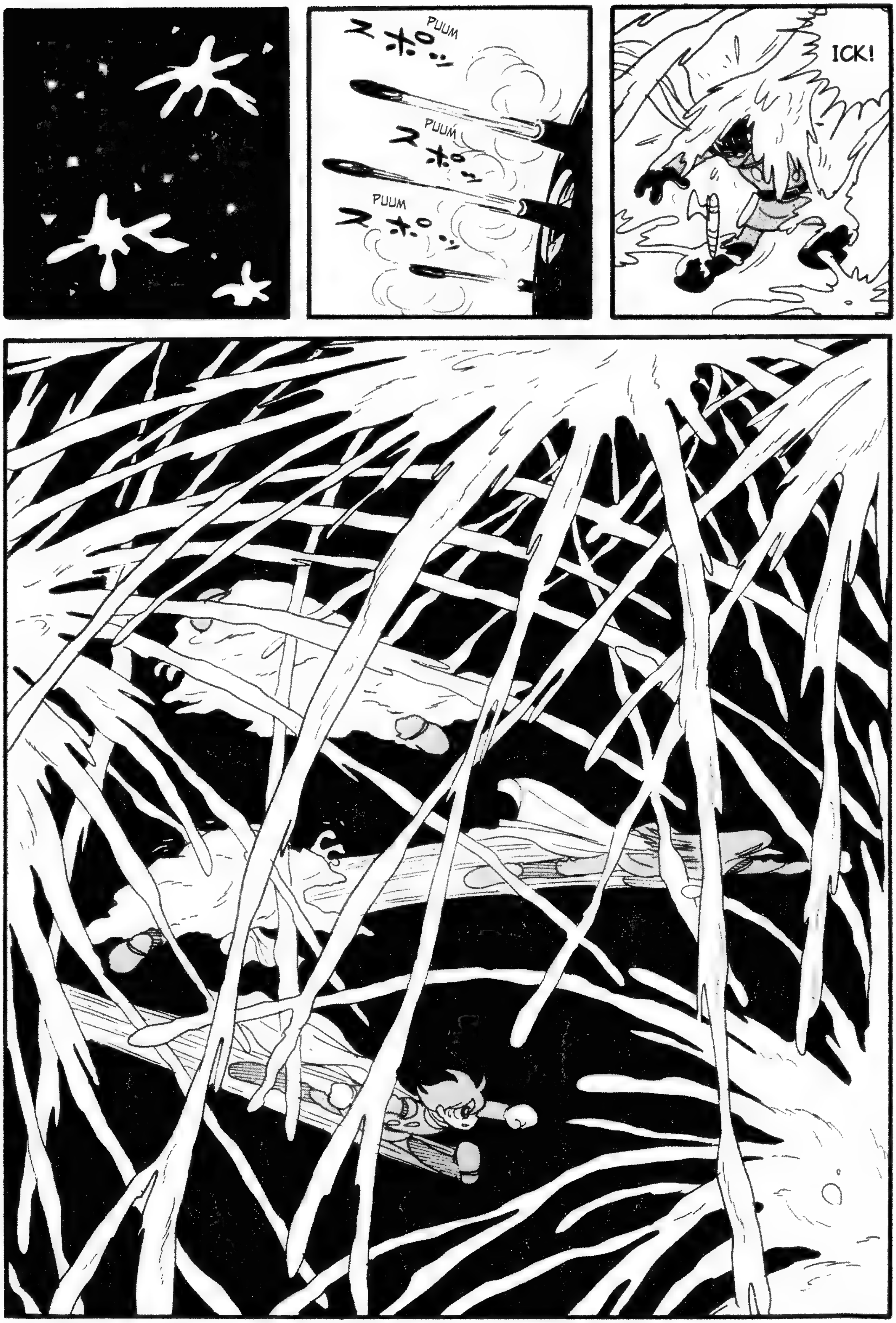

Ha ha ha.
So, you're the renegades the Black Ghost sent me after.
I have orders to take you back... dead or alive.
DEAD?
It needn't be so severe.
In order for my brain to be returned to my true body...
...I have to accomplish the mission my masters set out for me.
So, why don't you guys just cooperate and come back with me?
If not, I spend the rest of my days...
...as a ridiculous giant-sized spider!
Surely, you can understand that!


I'M SURE YOU WERE.
WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE.
You must be Cyborg 009! I was warned about you.
0011!
LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY!
IT'S A RUTHLESS, INHUMANE MISSION!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL HONOR THEIR PROMISE TO YOU? WE BROKE FREE. YOU SHOULD JOIN US.
LOOK AT WHAT THE BLACK GHOST HAS DONE TO YOU! DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL HONOR THEIR PROMISE?
THEY ARE COMMITTED TO DISSEMINATING HATRED AND DISTRUST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
Hmm...
Perhaps you're right. Maybe I should ...
...and they will keep pursuing you until you are destroyed.
I've got to look out for myself!
I respect your decision. Prepare to die!
GACHAN
...but their numbers are greater ...


ガチャ
GACHAN
0011!
ピカ
FLASH
Hmm, hmm.
UH...
BAM
DAMN.
NNNT
ZZZAP
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA


HE CAN ACCELERATE TOO.
NO, HE'S HERE!
HUH?
BUT HE'S GONE!
WATCH IT.
WAH.
THUD
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW SOMETHING SO BIG COULD HAVE ONE.
GACHAN
ガチャ


JAK
JAK
JAK
I'M STUCK!
005!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH?
PUUM
BAAK
FORGET ME! GET OUT HERE! DON'T LET IT TOUCH YOU!
SHUU
SHUU
SHUU


ICK!
スポッ PUUM
スポッ PUUM
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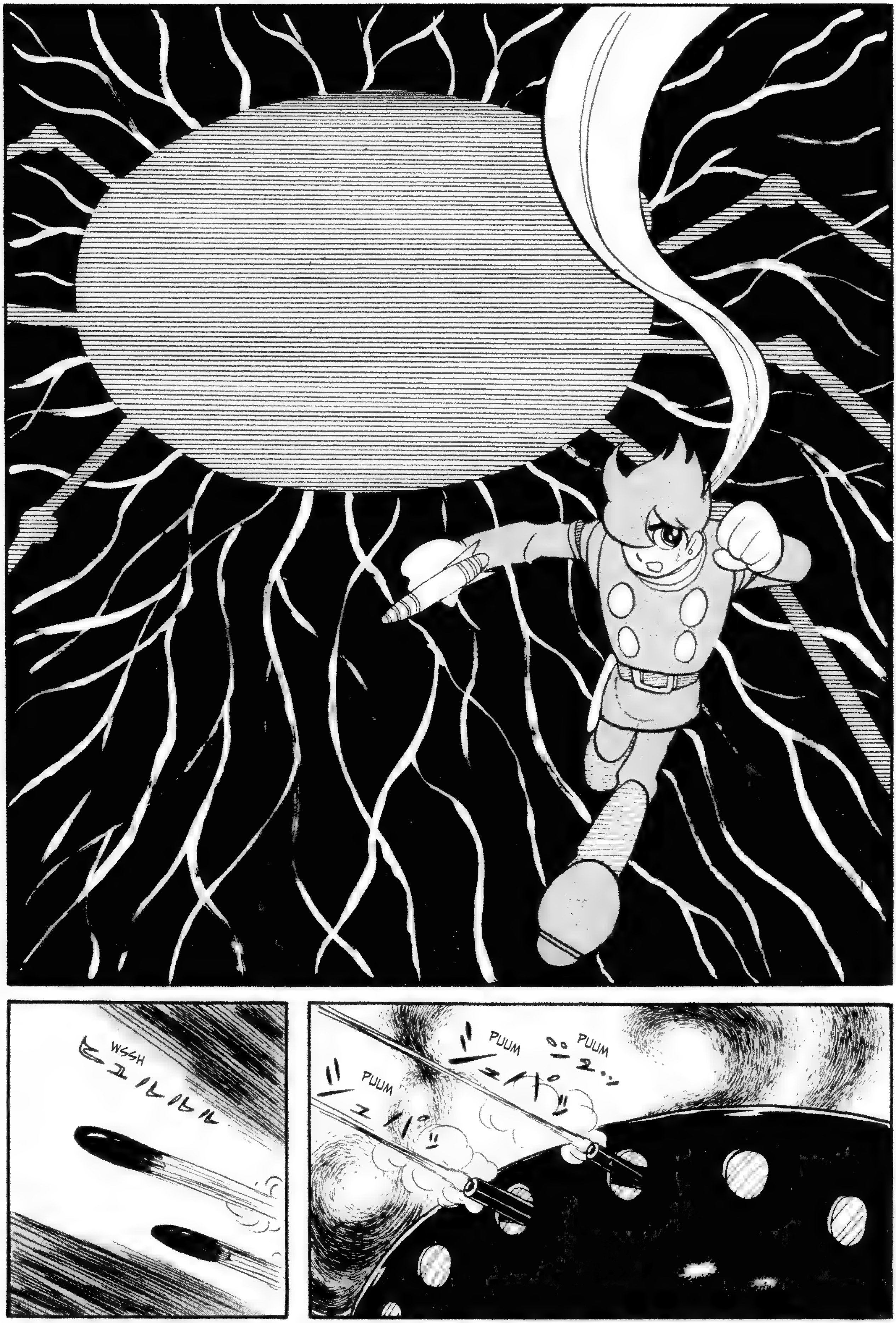
ジュ‥
PUUM
ジュパッ
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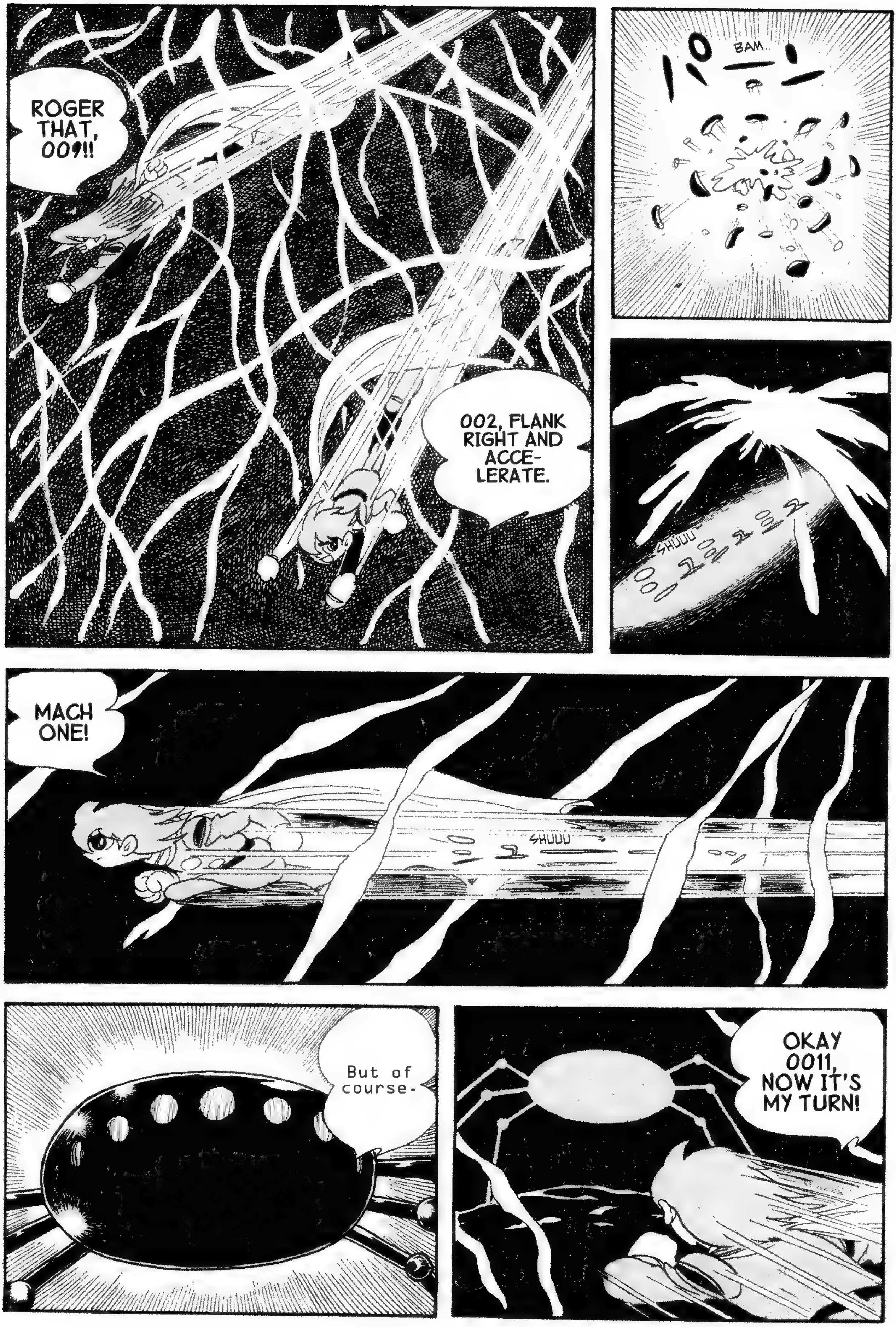
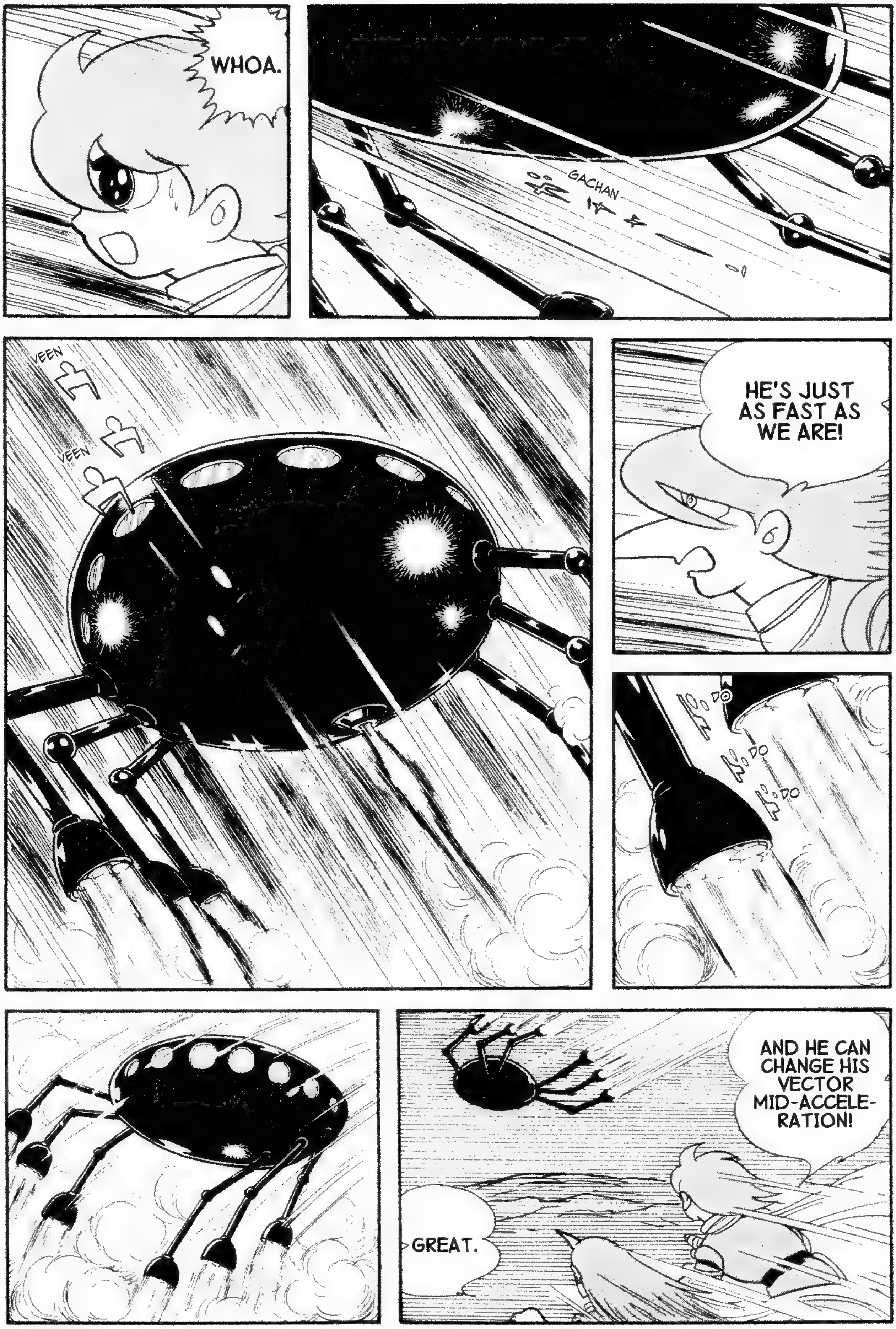
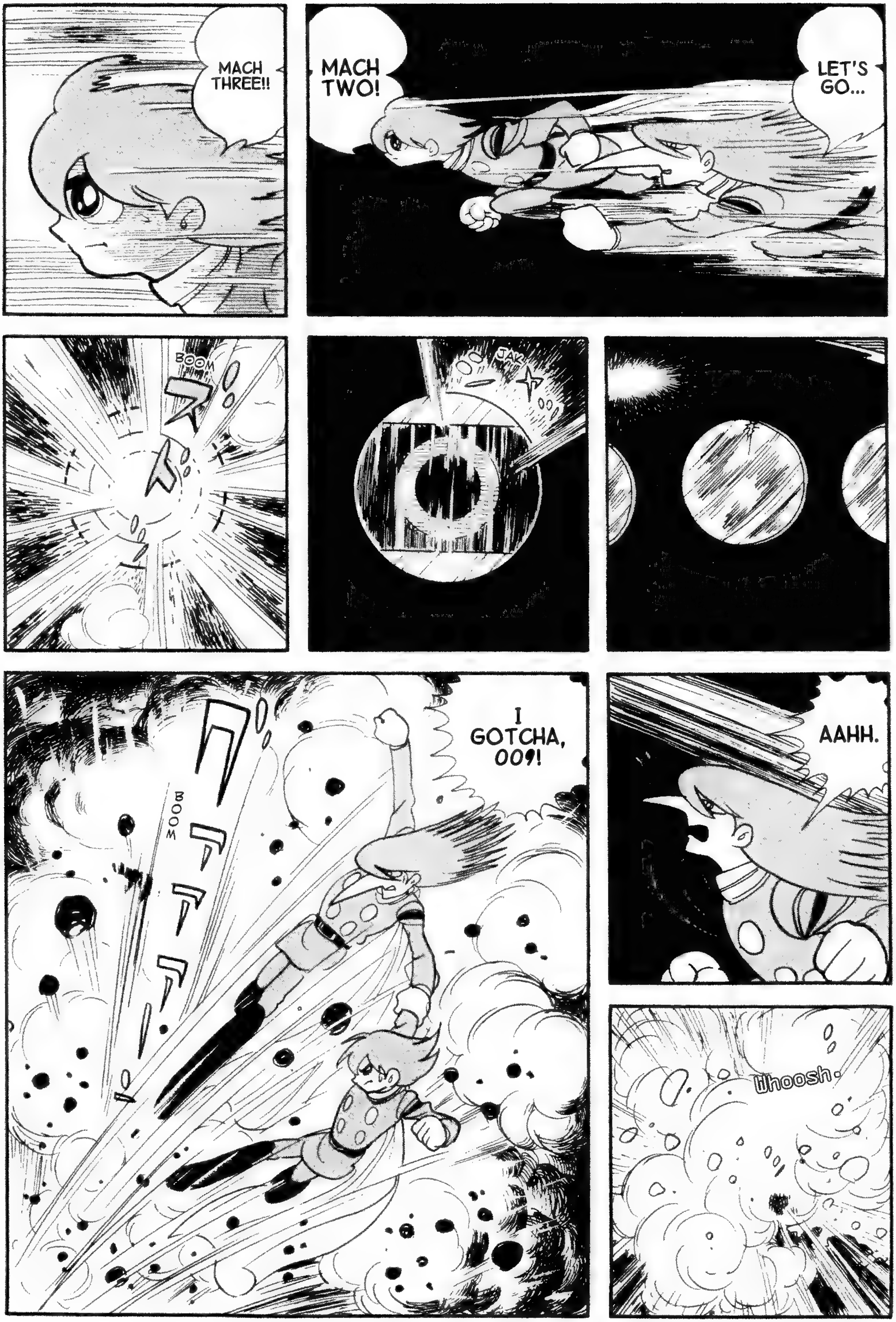
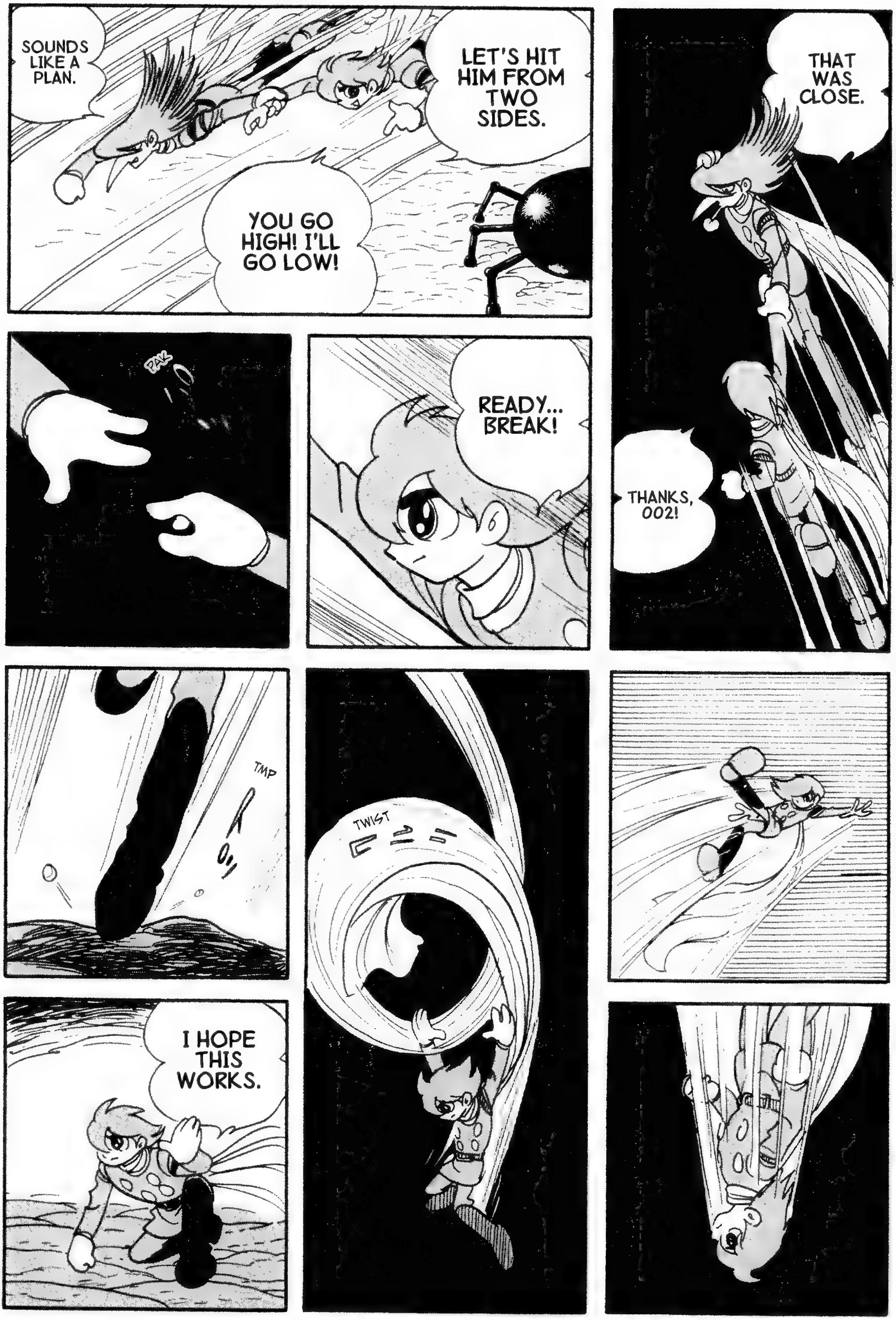
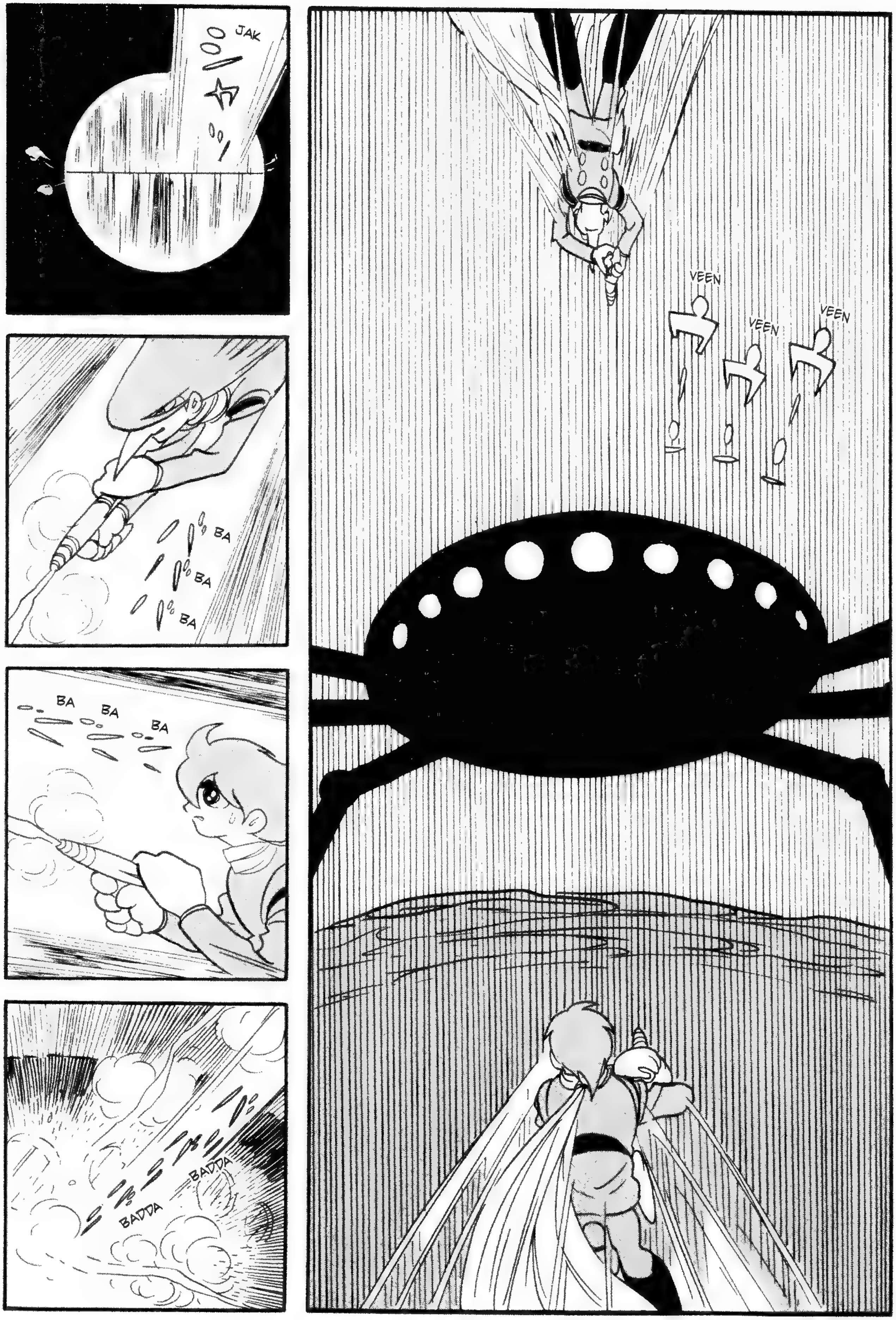
PUUM
ヒュルルルル
WSSH


BAM
SHUUU
002, FLANK RIGHT AND ACCELERATE.
ROGER THAT, 009!!
MACH ONE!
SHUUU
OKAY 0011, NOW IT'S MY TURN!
But of course.


WHOA.
GACHAN
VEEN
VEEN
HE'S JUST AS FAST AS WE ARE!
DO
DO
DO
AND HE CAN CHANGE HIS VECTOR MID-ACCELERATION!
GREAT.


LET'S GO...
MACH TWO!
MACH THREE!!
JAK
BOOM
AAHH.
I GOTCHA, 009!
BOOM
Whoosh


LET'S HIT HIM FROM TWO SIDES.
YOU GO HIGH! I'LL GO LOW!
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.
PAK
READY... BREAK!
THAT WAS CLOSE.
THANKS, 002!
TMP
TWIST
I HOPE THIS WORKS.


JAK
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BADDA
BADDA
VEEN
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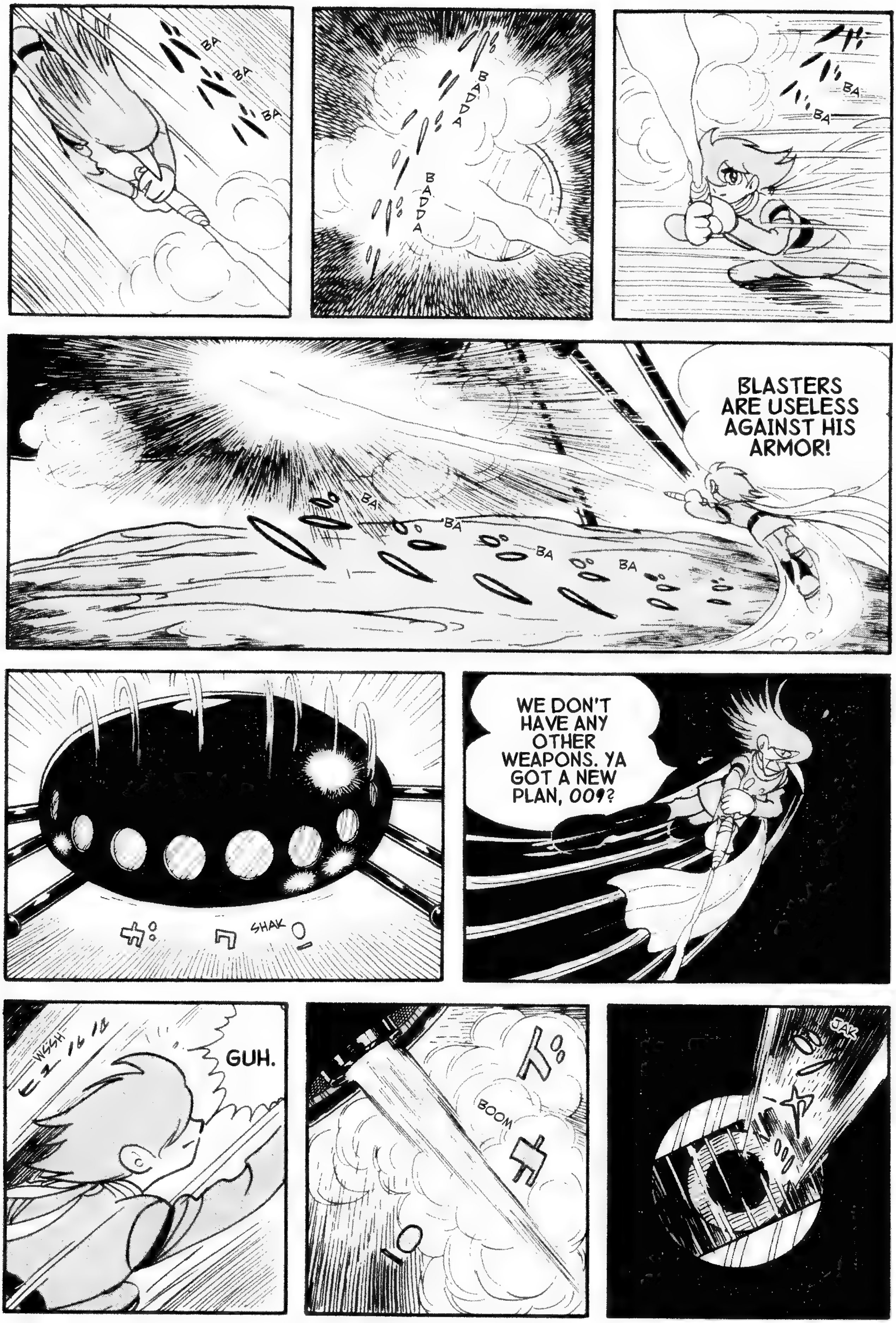
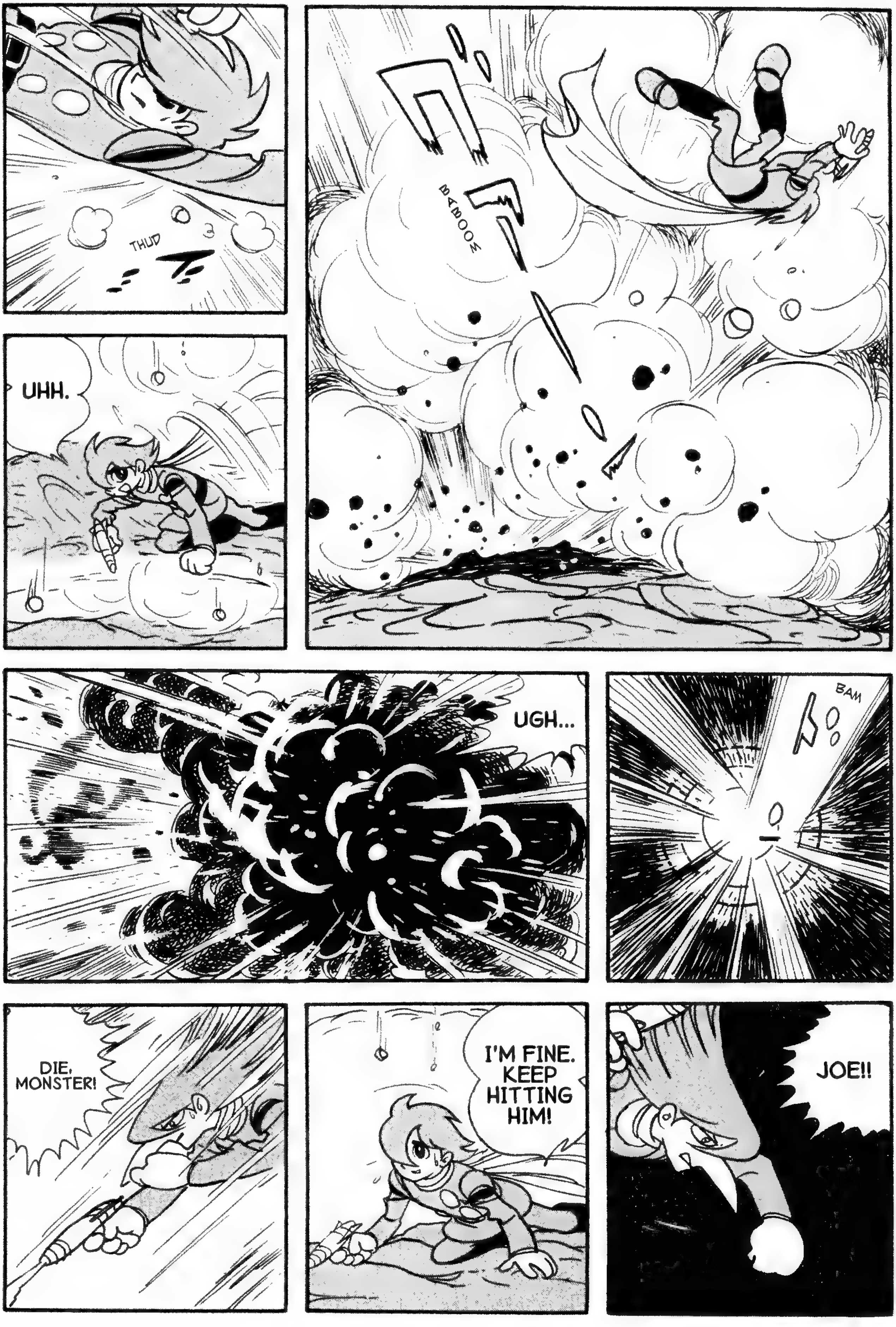
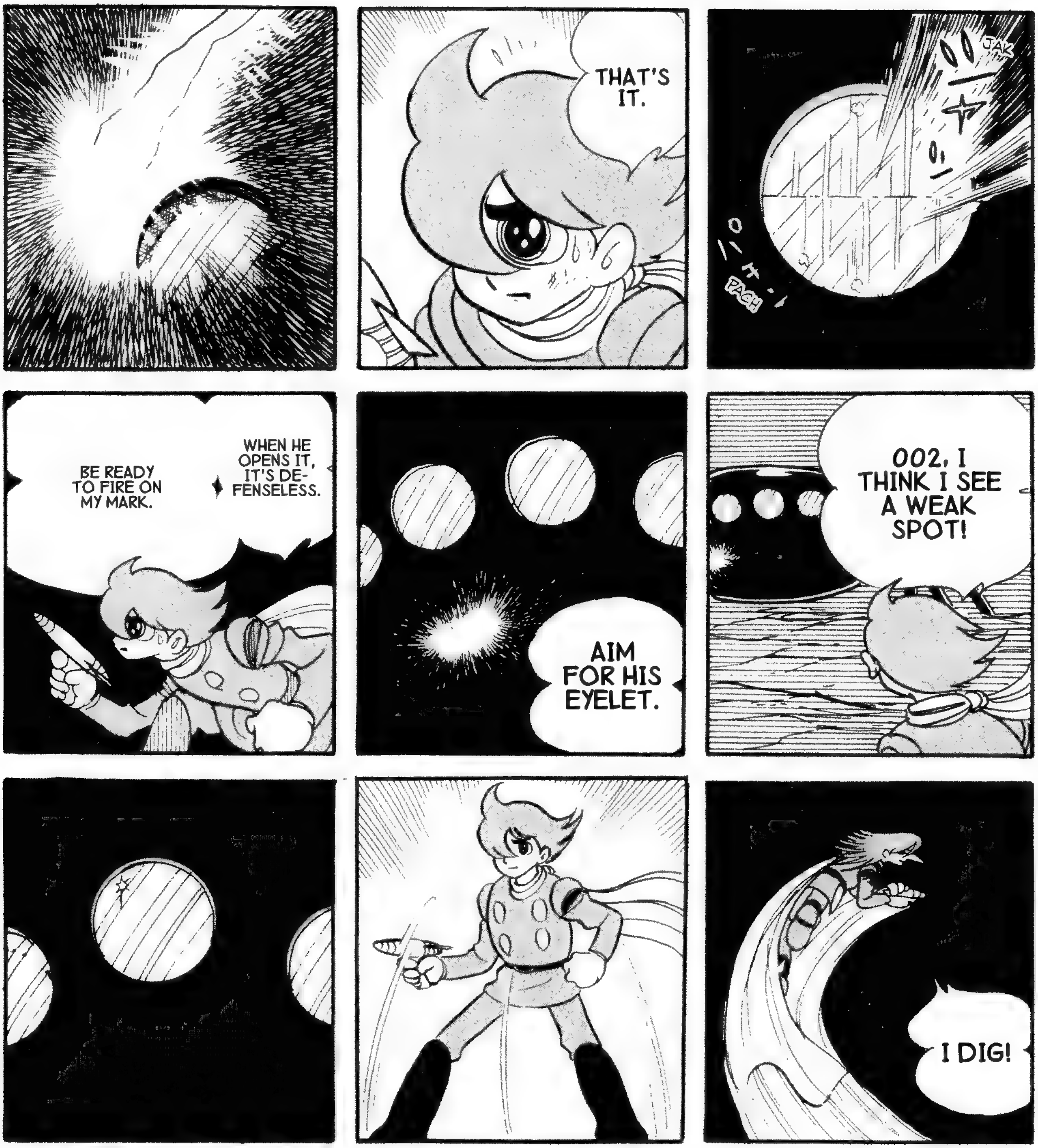
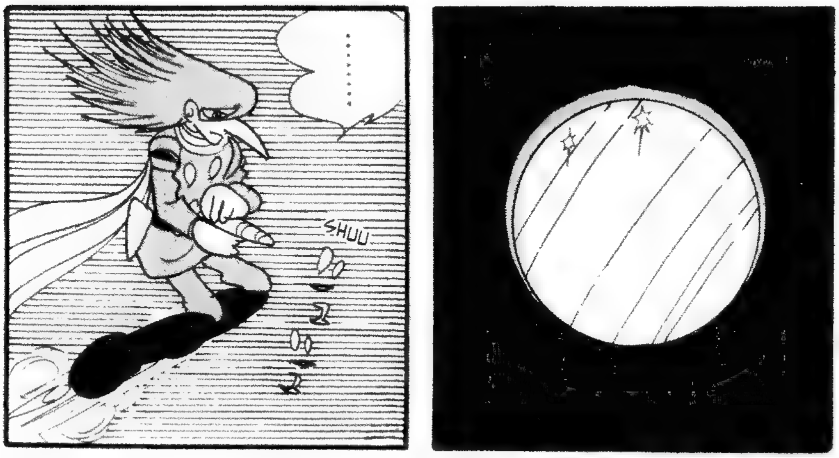
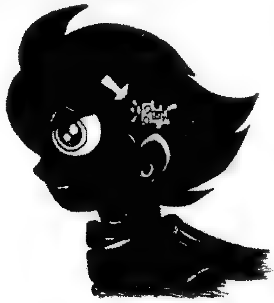

BA BA BA
BADDA
BADDA
BA BA
BLASTERS ARE USELESS AGAINST HIS ARMOR!
BA BA BA BA
SHAK
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER WEAPONS. YA GOT A NEW PLAN, 009?
WSSH
GUH.
BOOM
JAK

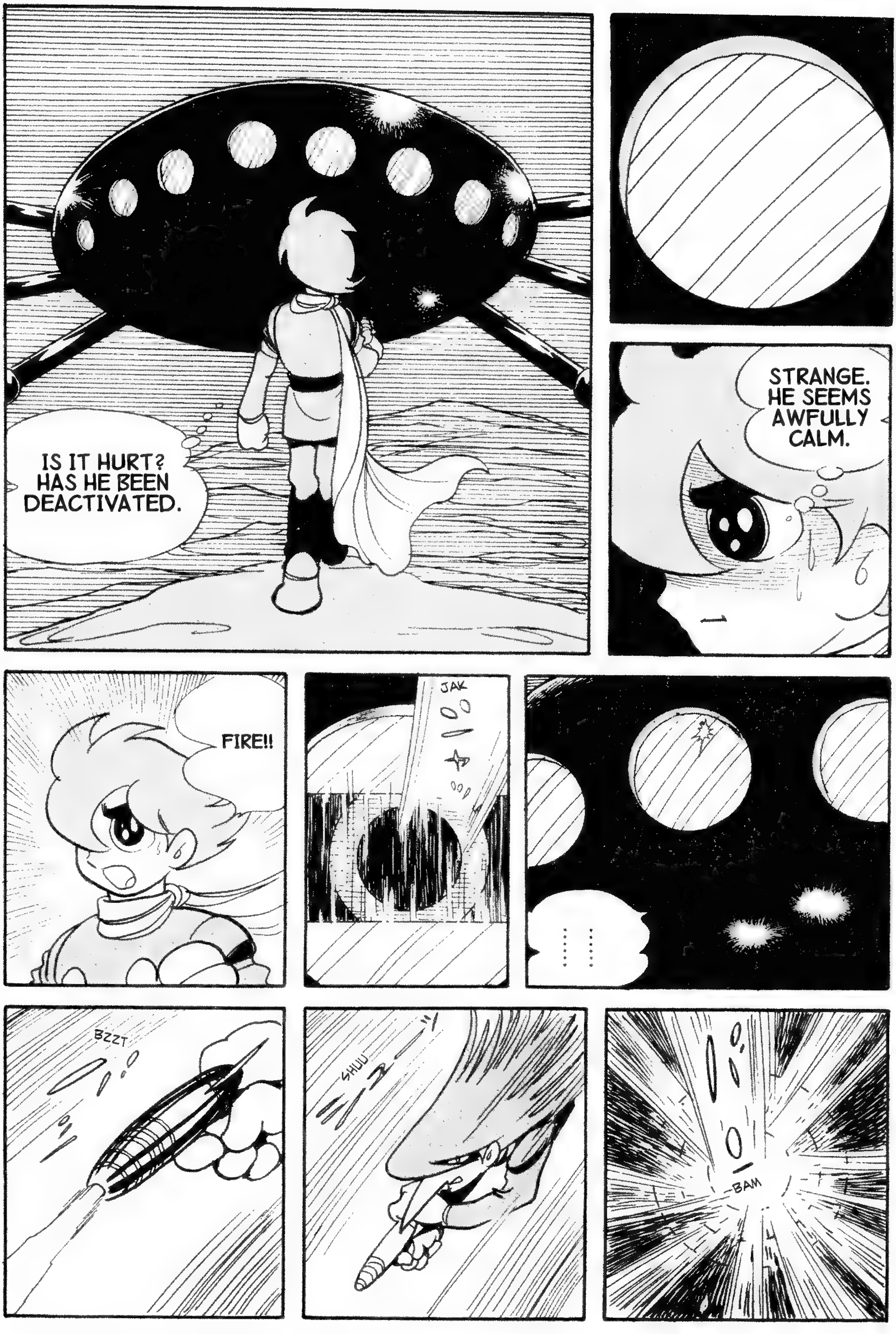

BABOOM
THUD
UHH.
BAM
UGH...
JOE!!
I'M FINE. KEEP HITTING HIM!
DIE, MONSTER!

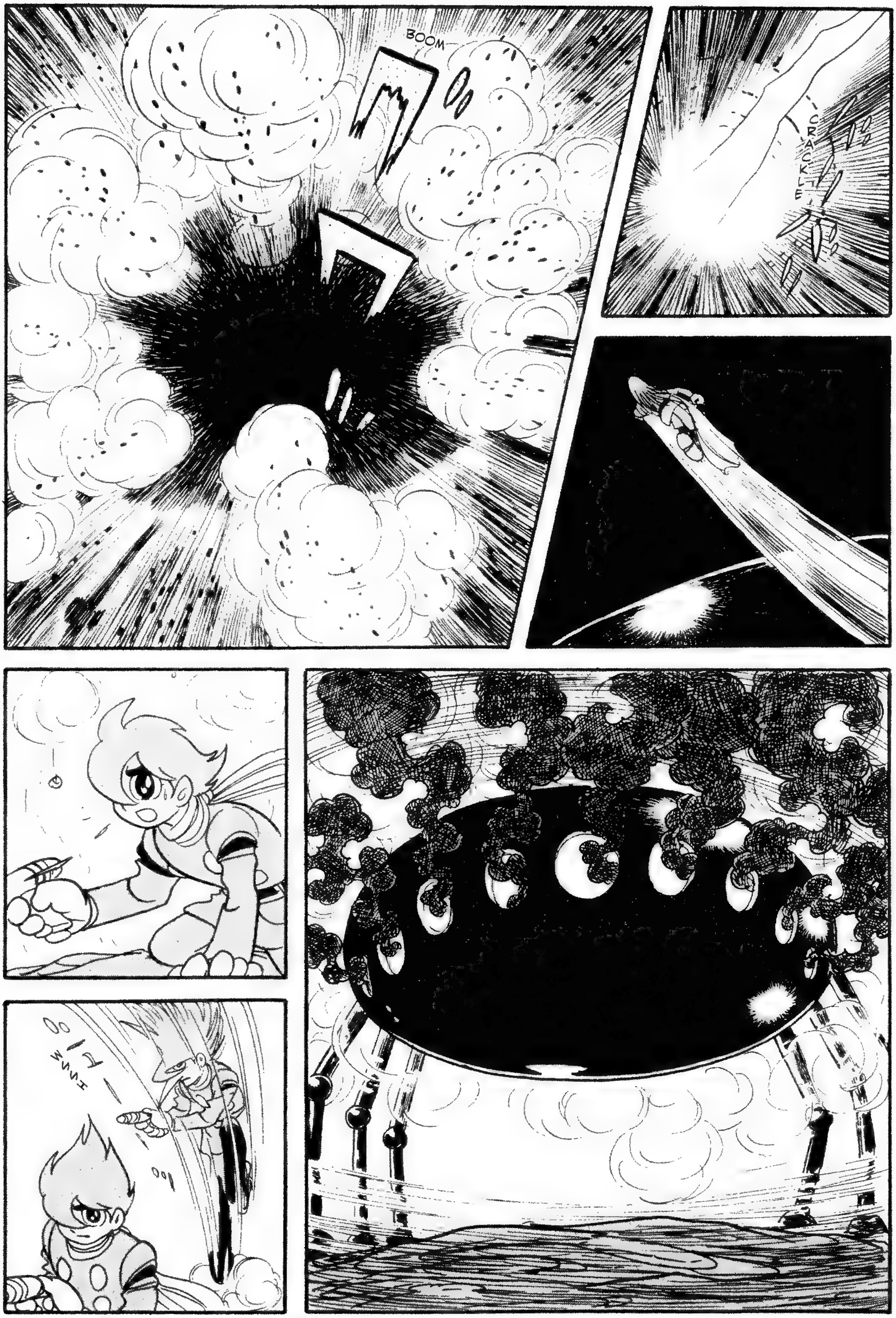

JAK
PACH
THAT'S IT.
002, I THINK I SEE A WEAK SPOT!
AIM FOR HIS EYELET.
WHEN HE OPENS IT, IT'S DEFENSELESS.
BE READY TO FIRE ON MY MARK.
I DIG!

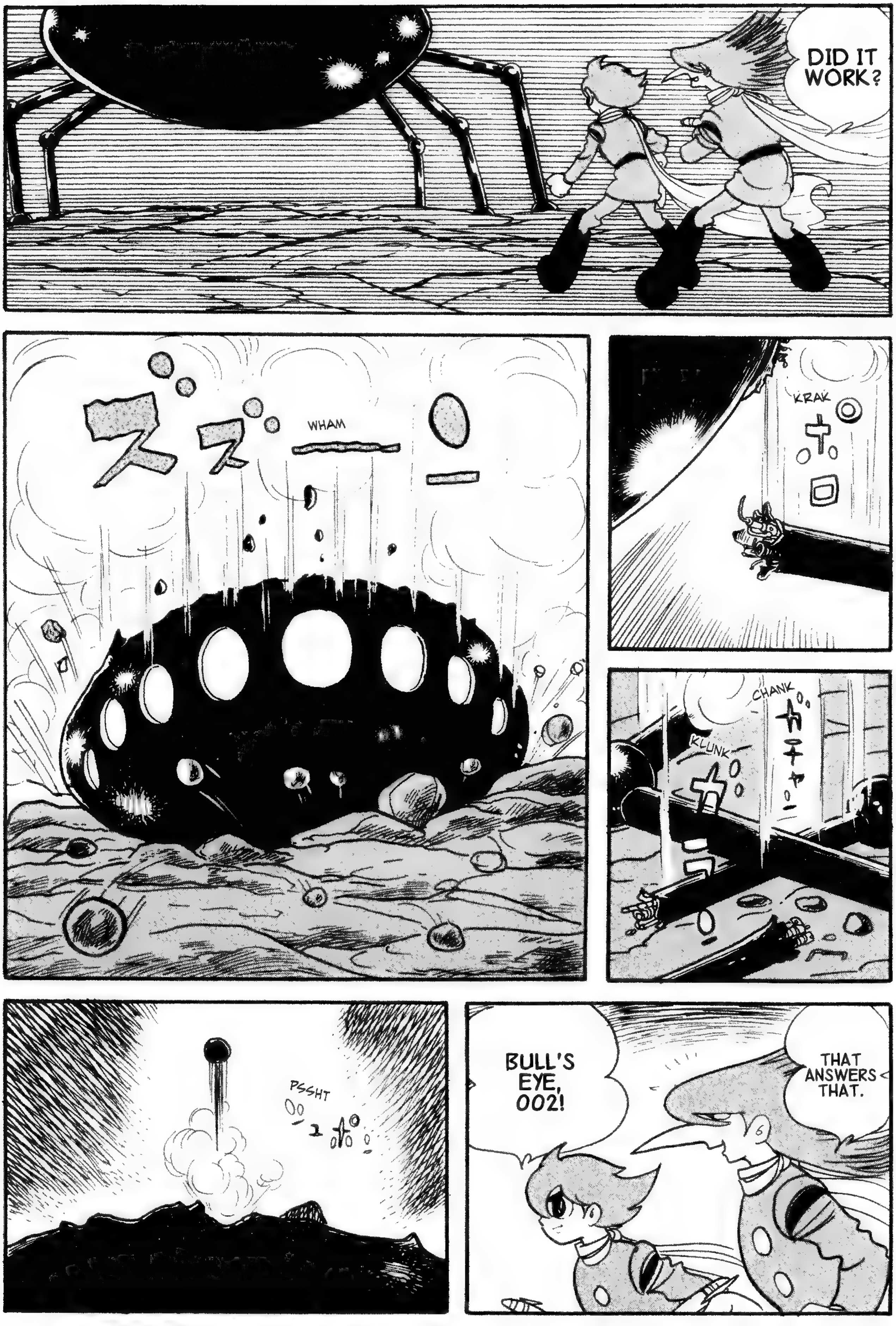


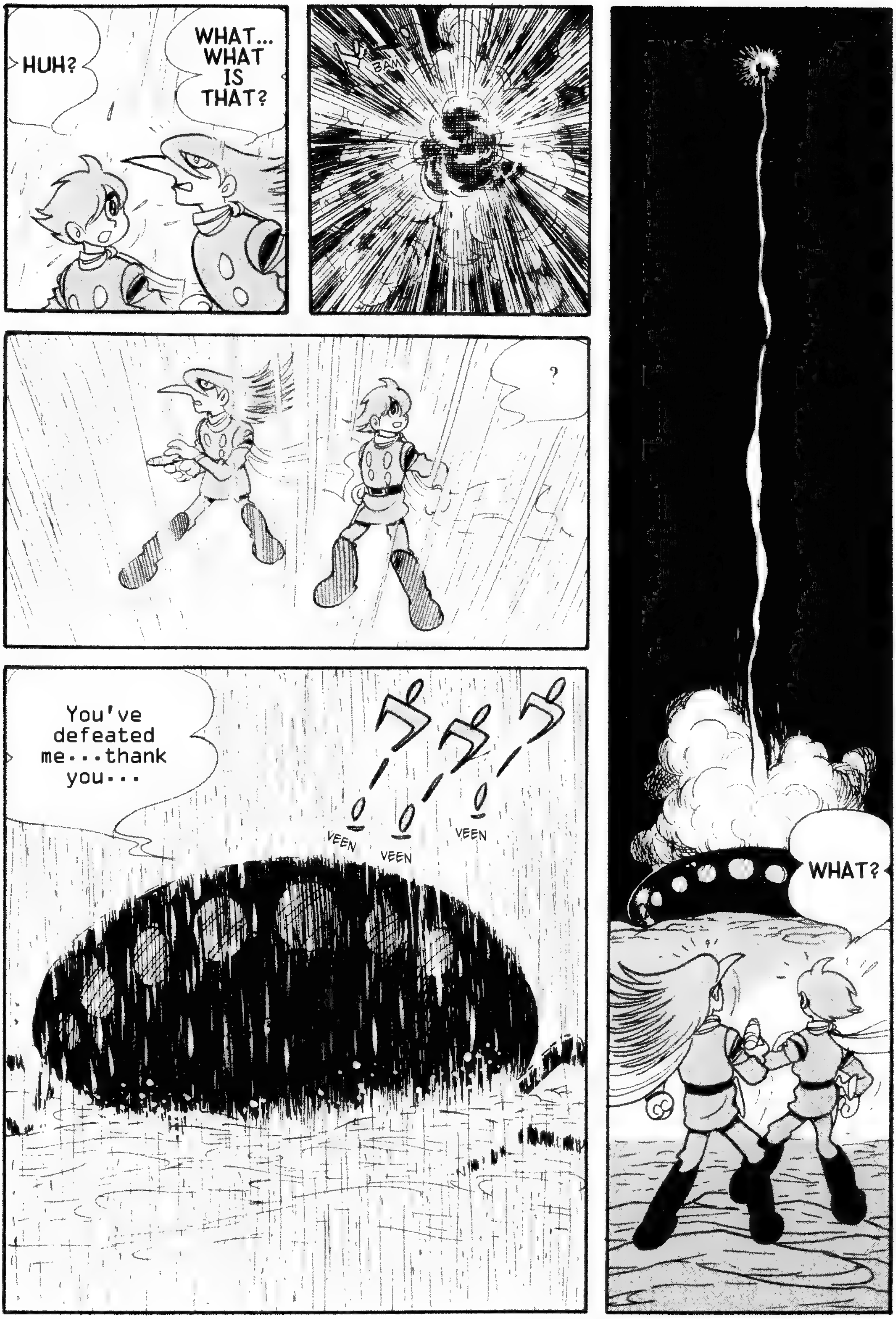
*A radio device installed just above his right ear allows 009 to stay in constant communication with his teammates.

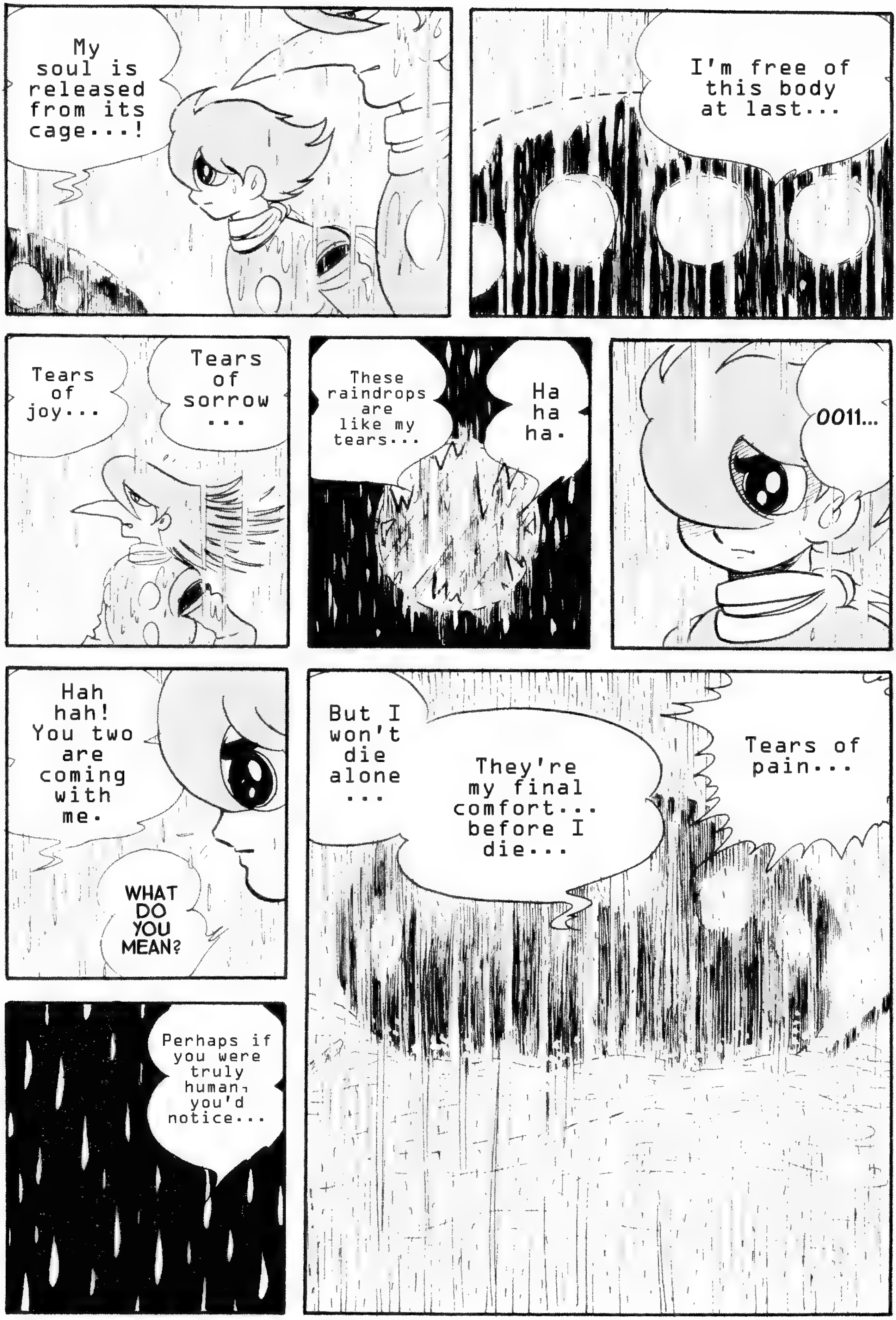


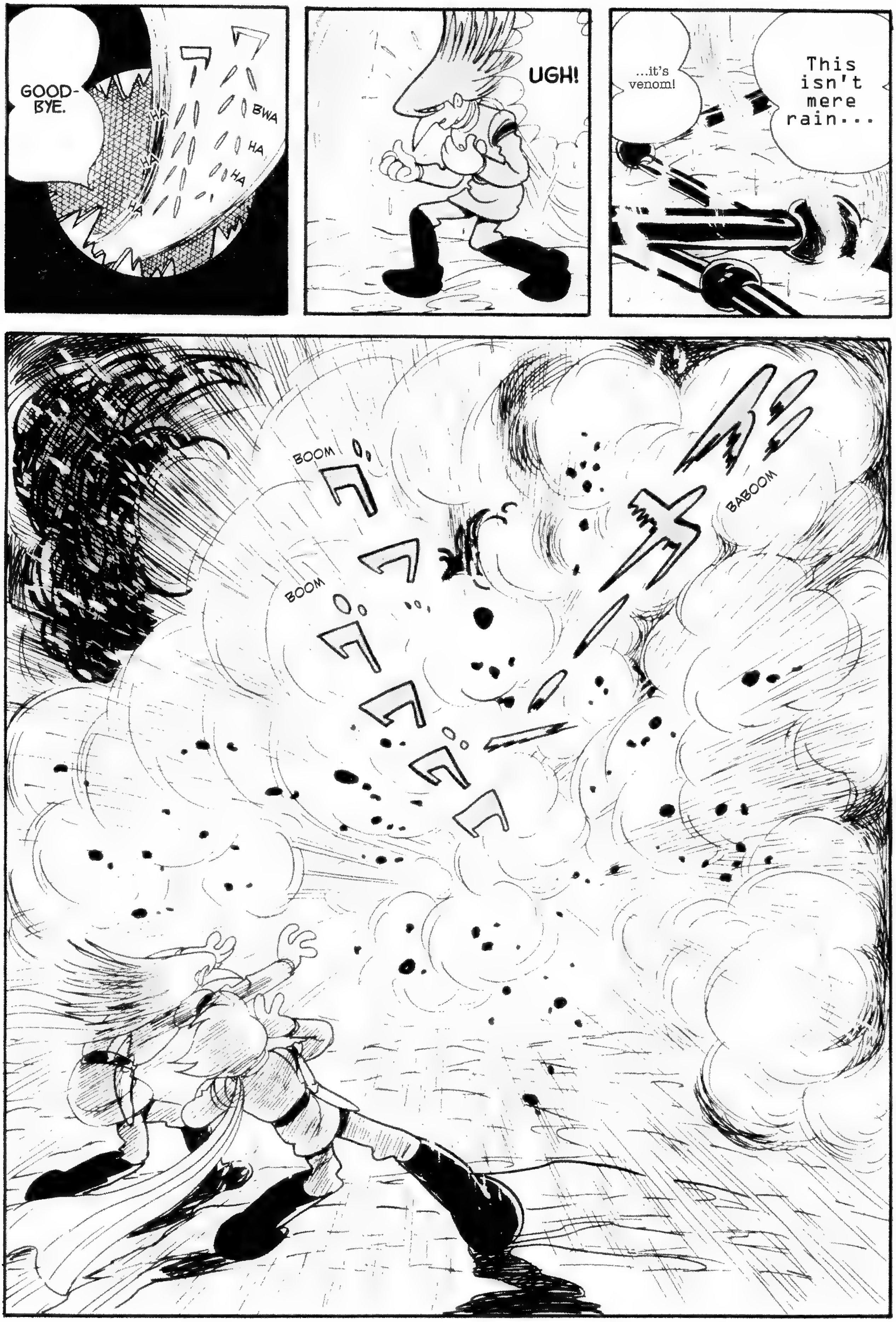

IS IT HURT? HAS HE BEEN DEACTIVATED.
STRANGE. HE SEEMS AWFULLY CALM.
FIRE!!
JAK
......
BZZT
SHUU
BAM

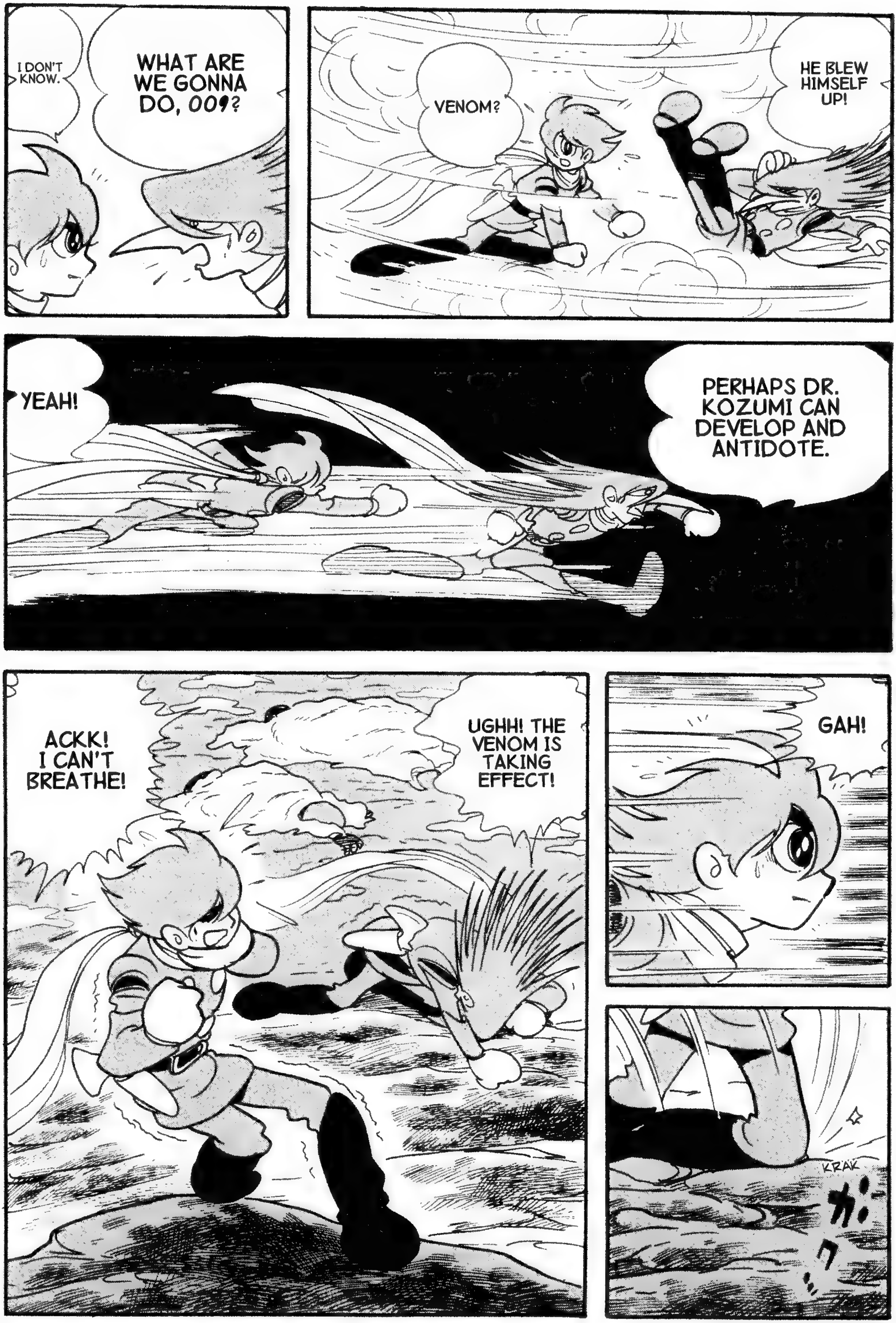

BOOM
CRACKLE

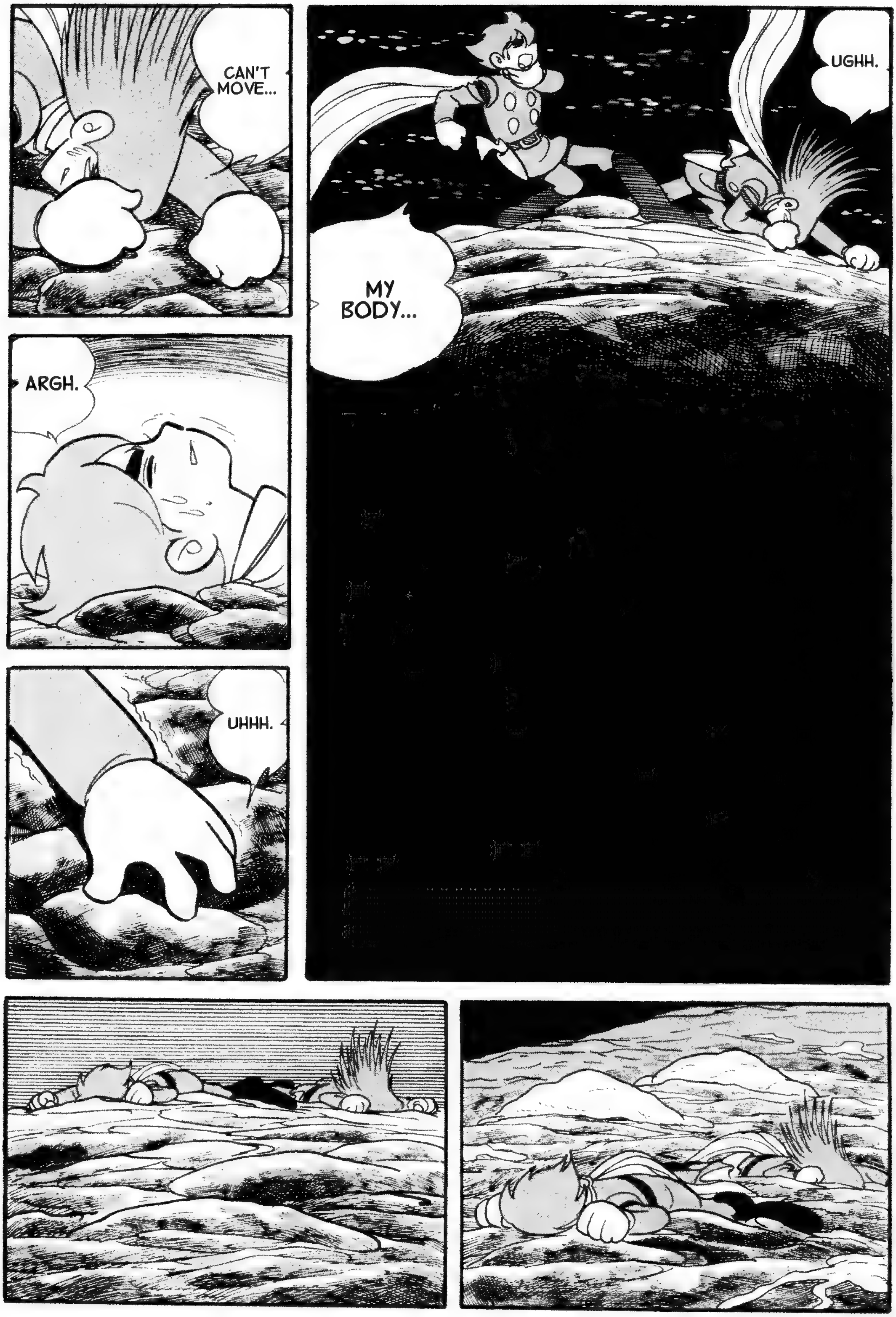

DID IT WORK?
KRAK
CHANK
KLUNK
ズズーン
WHAM
THAT ANSWERS THAT.
BULL'S EYE, 002!
PSSHT

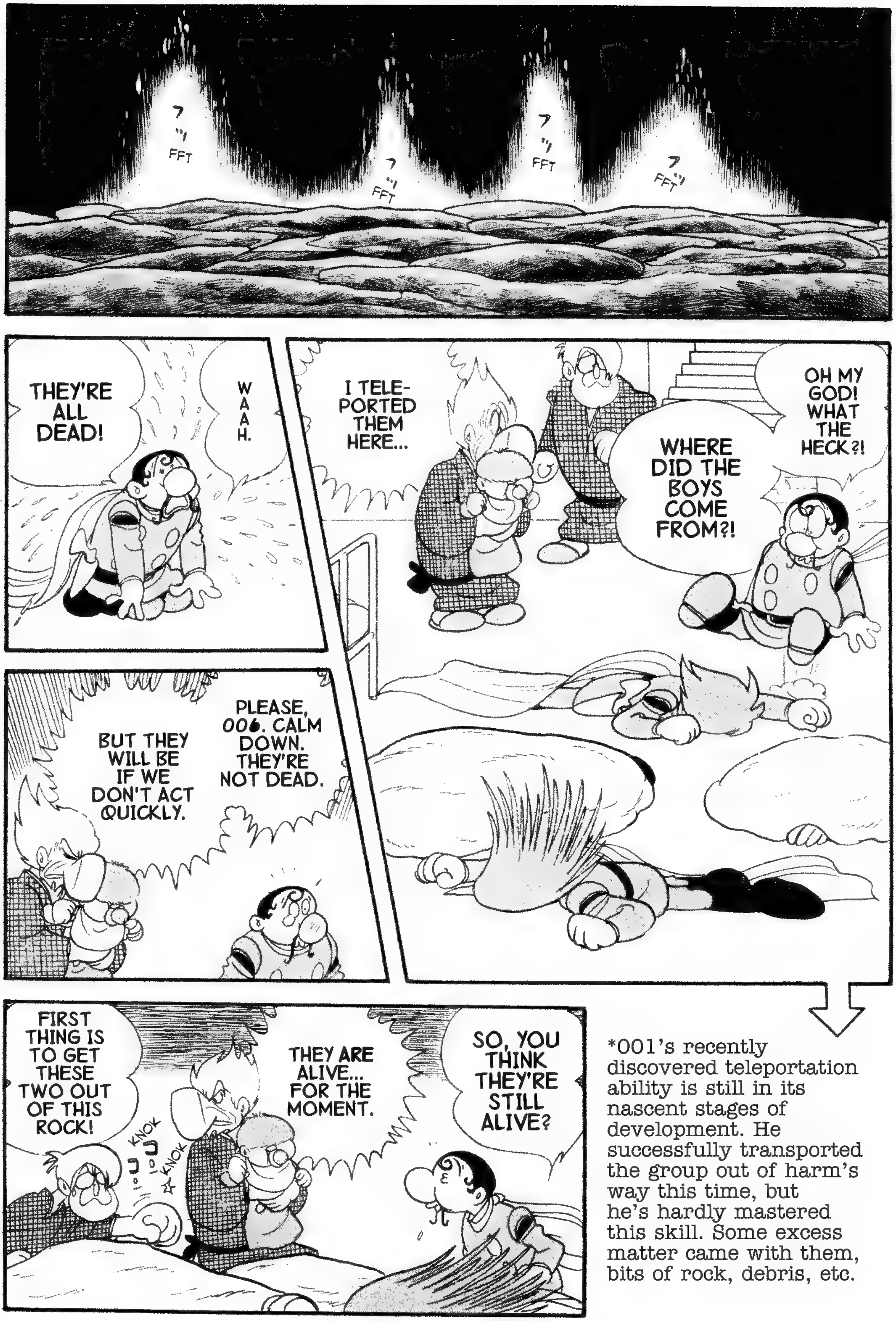

HUH?
WHAT... WHAT IS THAT?
BAM
?
You've defeated me...thank you...
VEEN
VEEN
VEEN
WHAT?


I'm free of this body at last...
My soul is released from its cage...!
0011...
Ha ha ha.
These raindrops are like my tears...
Tears of sorrow...
Tears of joy...
Tears of pain...
They're my final comfort... before I die...
But I won't die alone...
Hah hah! You two are coming with me.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Perhaps if you were truly human, you'd notice...


GOOD-BYE.
BWA HA HA HA HA HA HA
UGH!
This isn't mere rain...
...it's venom!
BOOM
BOOM
BABOOM


WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, 009?
I DON'T KNOW.
HE BLEW HIMSELF UP!
VENOM?
PERHAPS DR. KOZUMI CAN DEVELOP AND ANTIDOTE.
YEAH!
UGHH! THE VENOM IS TAKING EFFECT!
ACKK! I CAN'T BREATHE!
GAH!
KRAK
ガッ


CAN'T MOVE...
UGHH.
MY BODY...
ARGH.
UHHH.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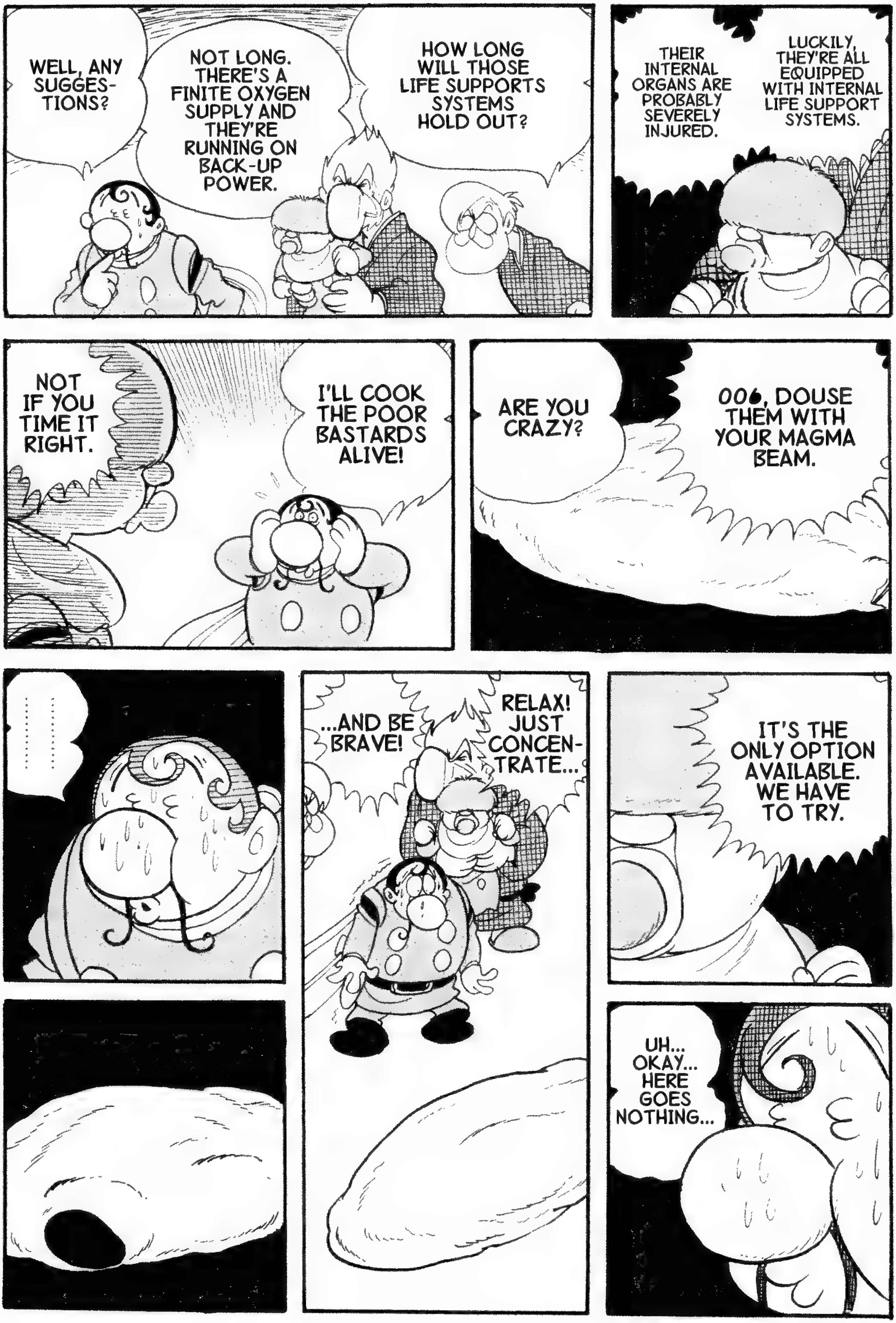
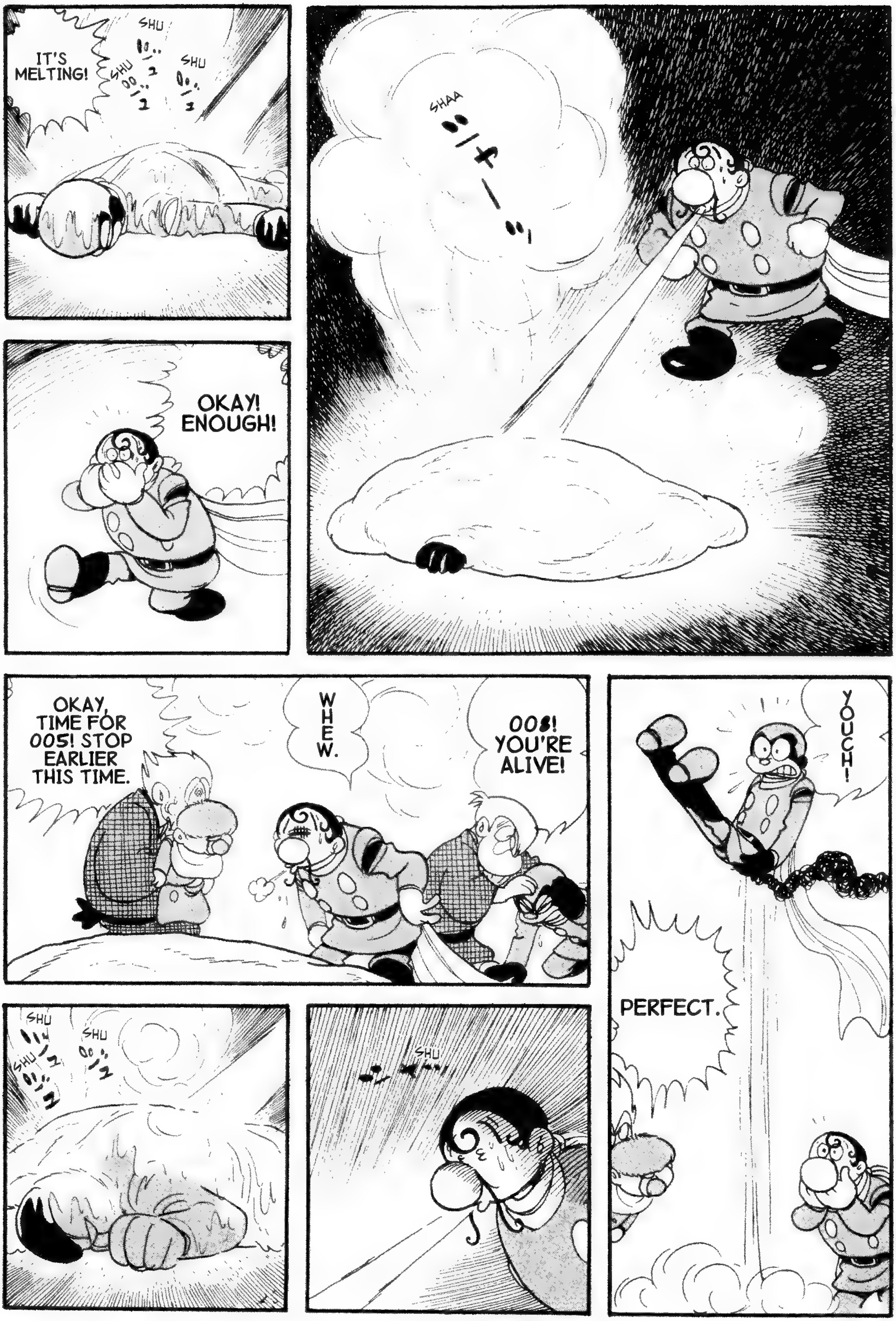
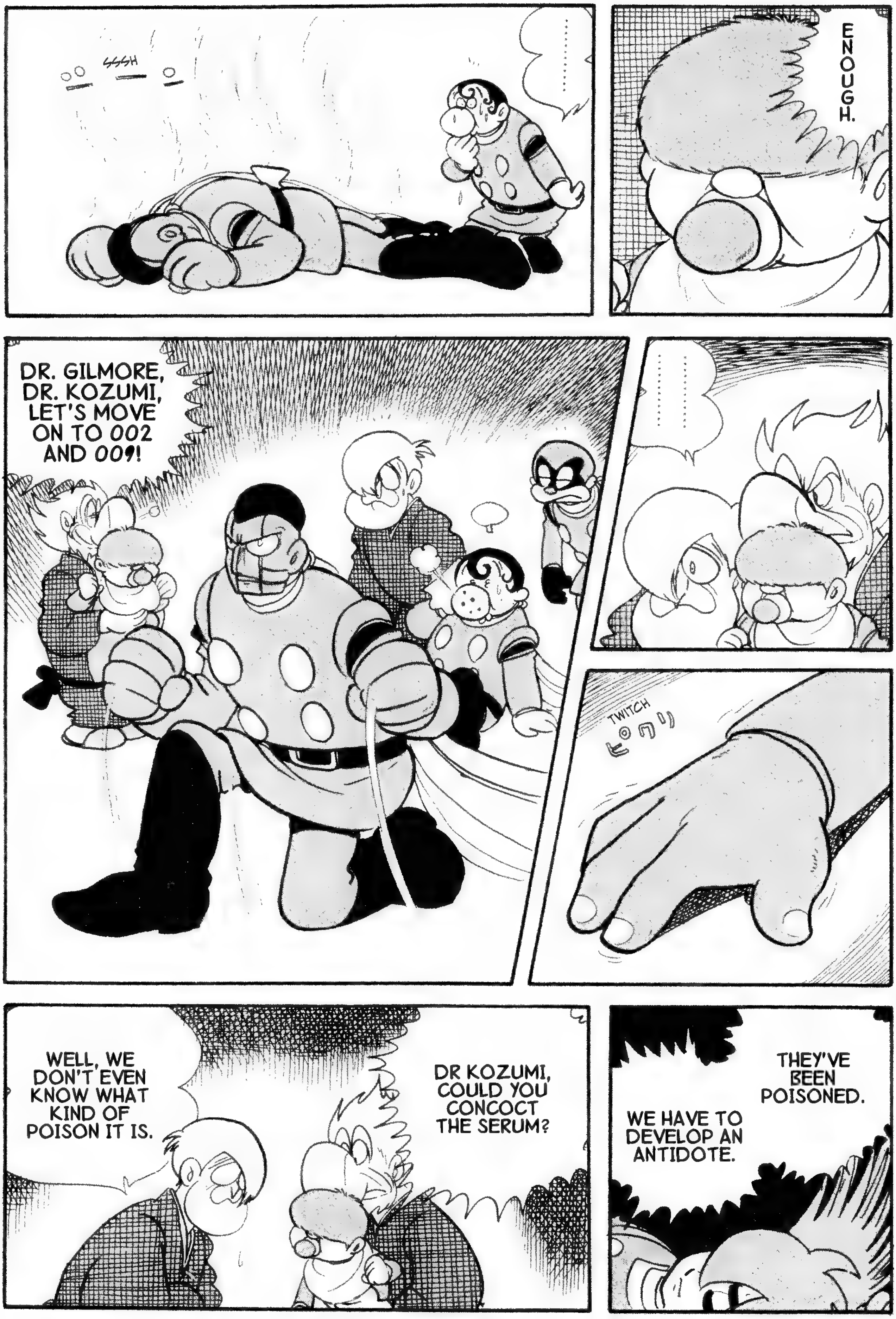
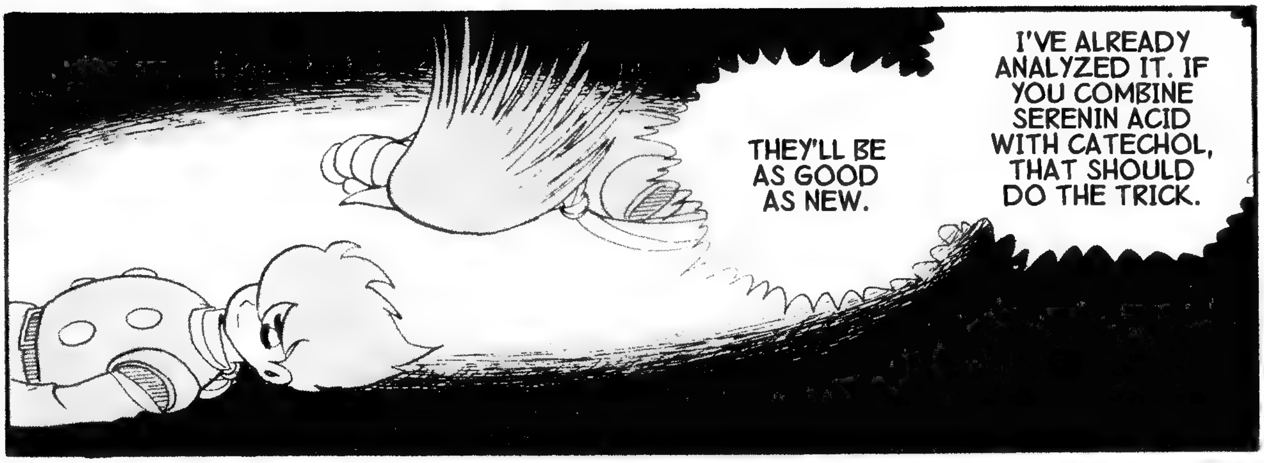
フッ FFT
OH MY GOD! WHAT THE HECK?!
WHERE DID THE BOYS COME FROM?!
I TELE-PORTED THEM HERE...
WAAH.
THEY'RE ALL DEAD!
PLEASE, 006. CALM DOWN. THEY'RE NOT DEAD.
BUT THEY WILL BE IF WE DON'T ACT QUICKLY.
SO, YOU THINK THEY'RE STILL ALIVE?
THEY ARE ALIVE... FOR THE MOMENT.
FIRST THING IS TO GET THESE TWO OUT OF THIS ROCK!
コン KNOK
コン KNOK

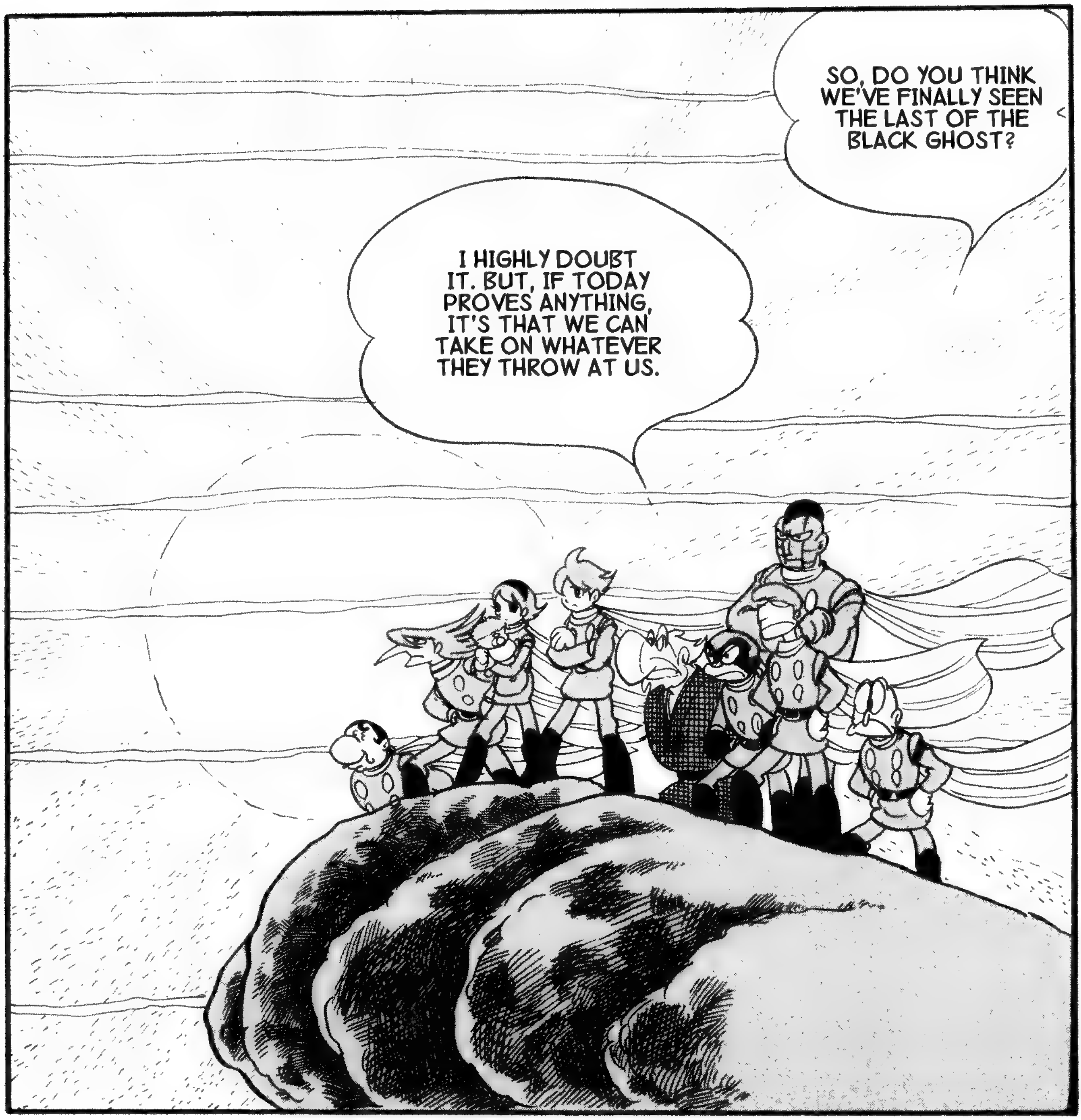
*001's recently discovered teleportation ability is still in its nascent stages of development. He successfully transported the group out of harm's way this time, but he's hardly mastered this skill. Some excess matter came with them, bits of rock, debris, etc.


LUCKILY, THEY'RE ALL EQUIPPED WITH INTERNAL LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS.
THEIR INTERNAL ORGANS ARE PROBABLY SEVERELY INJURED.
HOW LONG WILL THOSE LIFE SUPPORTS SYSTEMS HOLD OUT?
NOT LONG. THERE'S A FINITE OXYGEN SUPPLY AND THEY'RE RUNNING ON BACK-UP POWER.
WELL, ANY SUGGESTIONS?
006, DOUSE THEM WITH YOUR MAGMA BEAM.
ARE YOU CRAZY?
I'LL COOK THE POOR BASTARDS ALIVE!
NOT IF YOU TIME IT RIGHT.
IT'S THE ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE. WE HAVE TO TRY.
RELAX! JUST CONCENTRATE...
...AND BE BRAVE!
……
UH... OKAY... HERE GOES NOTHING...

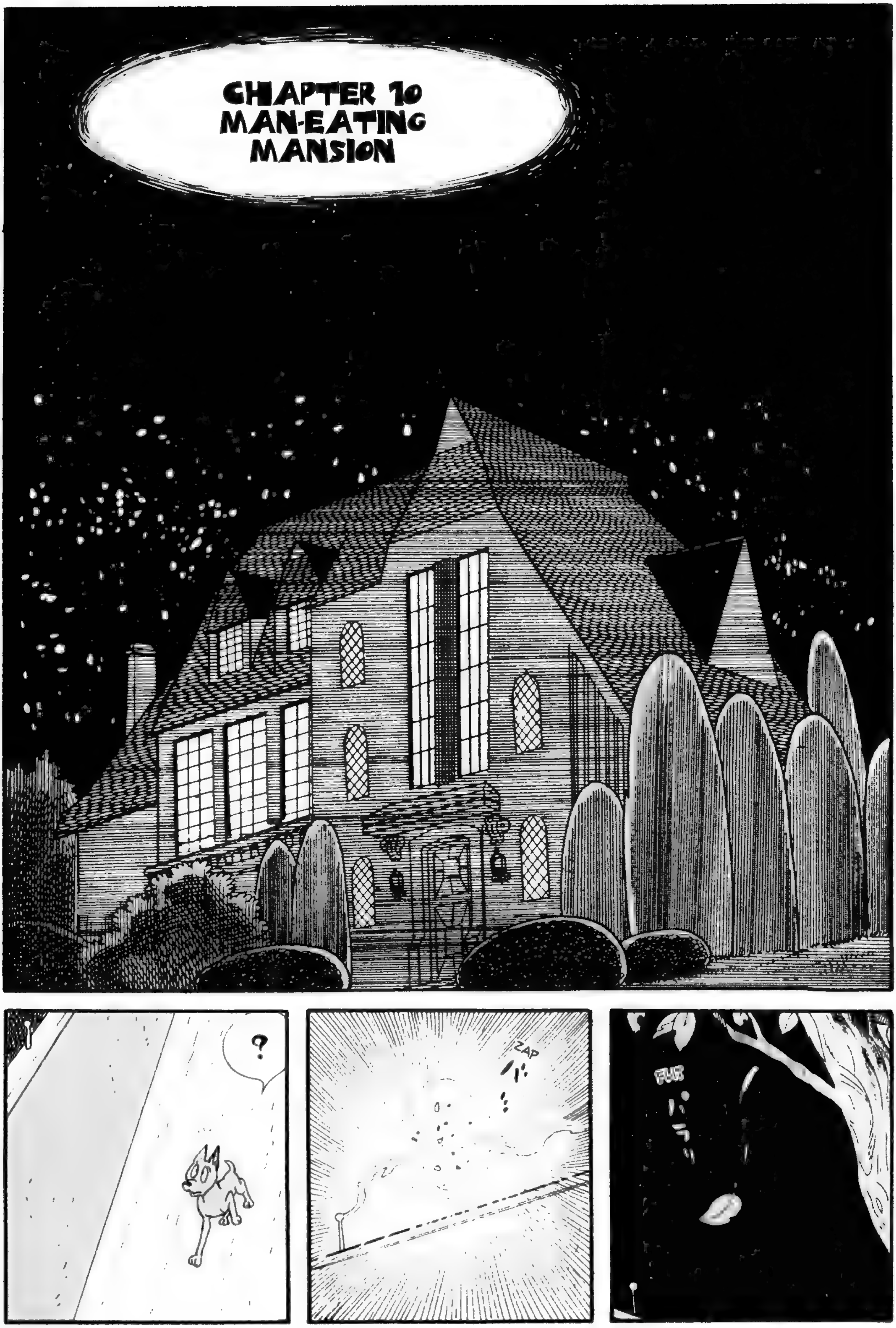

SHAA
シャーッ
IT'S MELTING!
SHU
SHU
SHU
OKAY! ENOUGH!
YOUCH!
PERFECT.
008! YOU'RE ALIVE!
WHEW.
OKAY, TIME FOR 005! STOP EARLIER THIS TIME.
SHU
SHU
SHU
SHU


ENOUGH.
SSSH
......
......
TWITCH ピクリ
DR. GILMORE, DR. KOZUMI, LET'S MOVE ON TO 002 AND 009!
THEY'VE BEEN POISONED.
WE HAVE TO DEVELOP AN ANTIDOTE.
DR KOZUMI, COULD YOU CONCOCT THE SERUM?
WELL, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF POISON IT IS.


I'VE ALREADY ANALYZED IT. IF YOU COMBINE SERENIN ACID WITH CATECHOL, THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK.
THEY'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW.


SO, DO YOU THINK WE'VE FINALLY SEEN THE LAST OF THE BLACK GHOST?
I HIGHLY DOUBT IT. BUT, IF TODAY PROVES ANYTHING, IT'S THAT WE CAN TAKE ON WHATEVER THEY THROW AT US.

CHAPTER 10
MAN-EATING MANSION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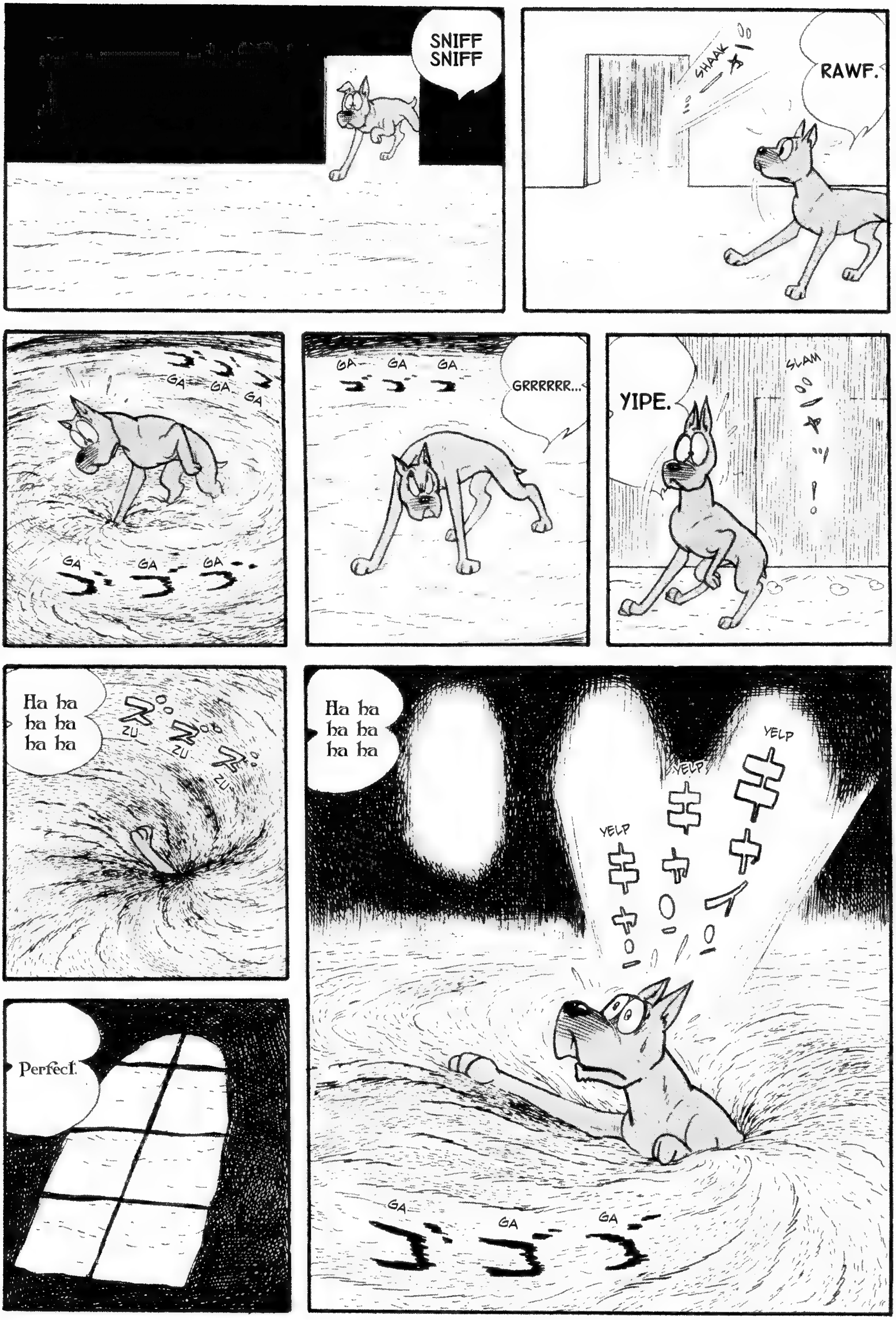
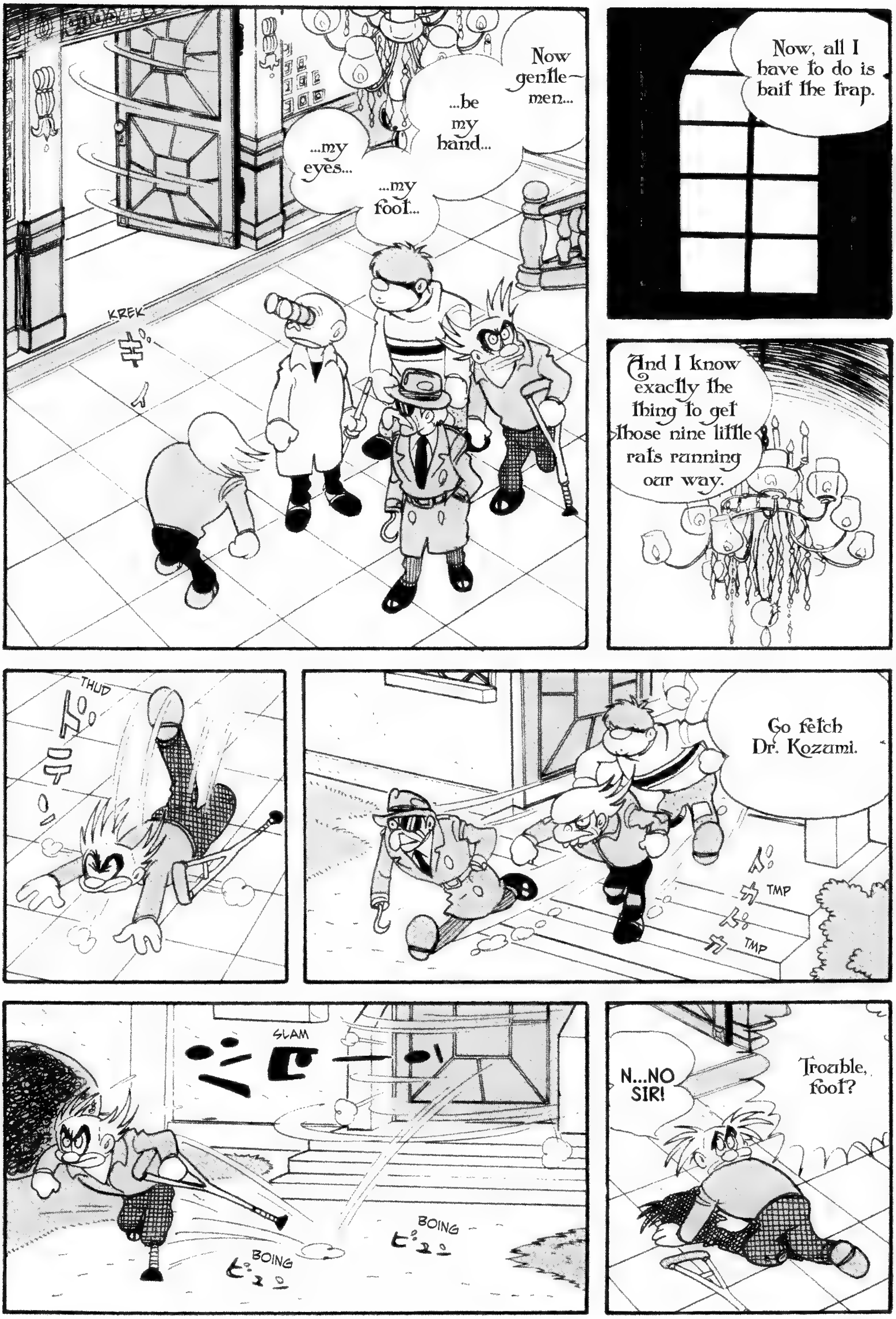
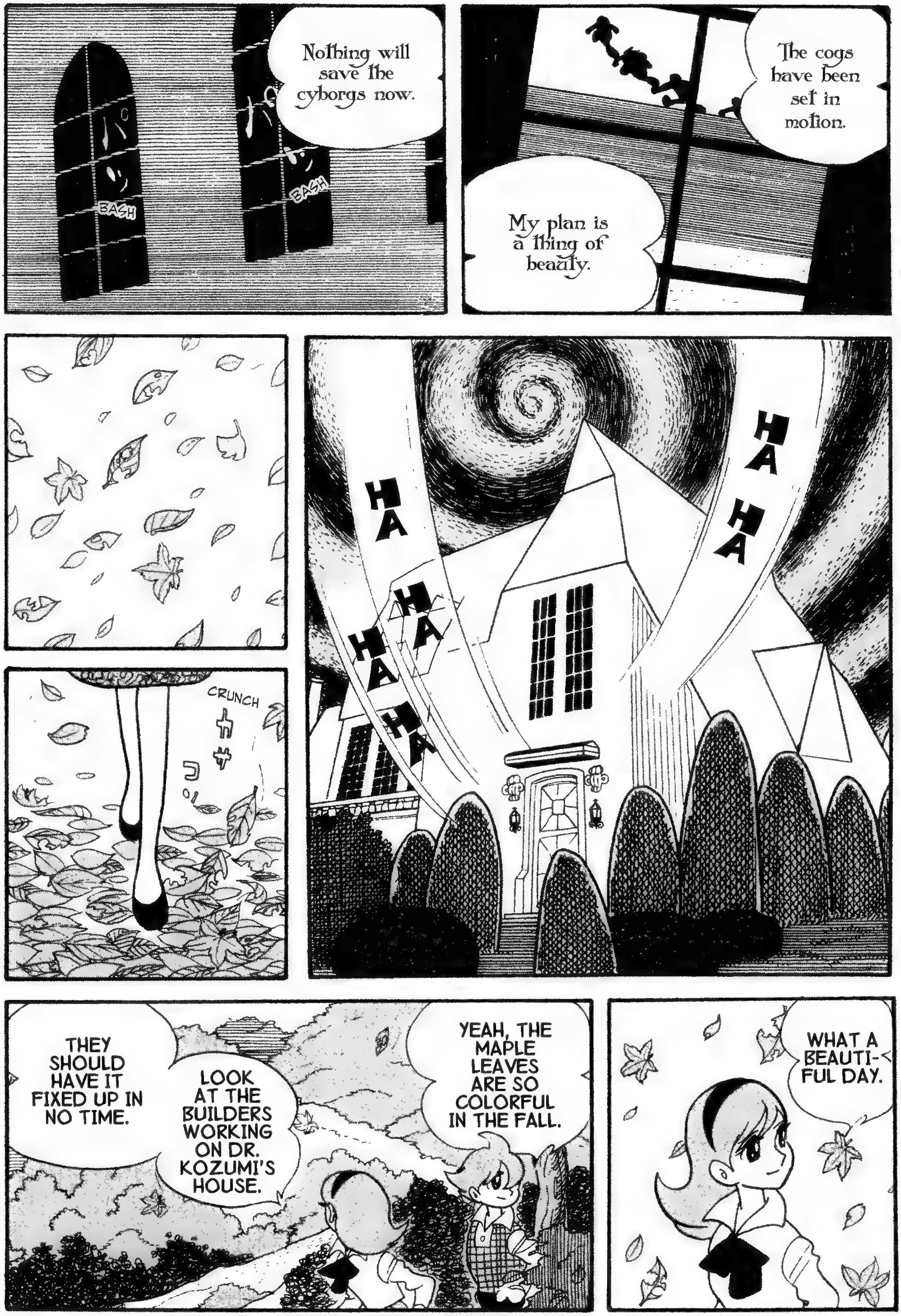
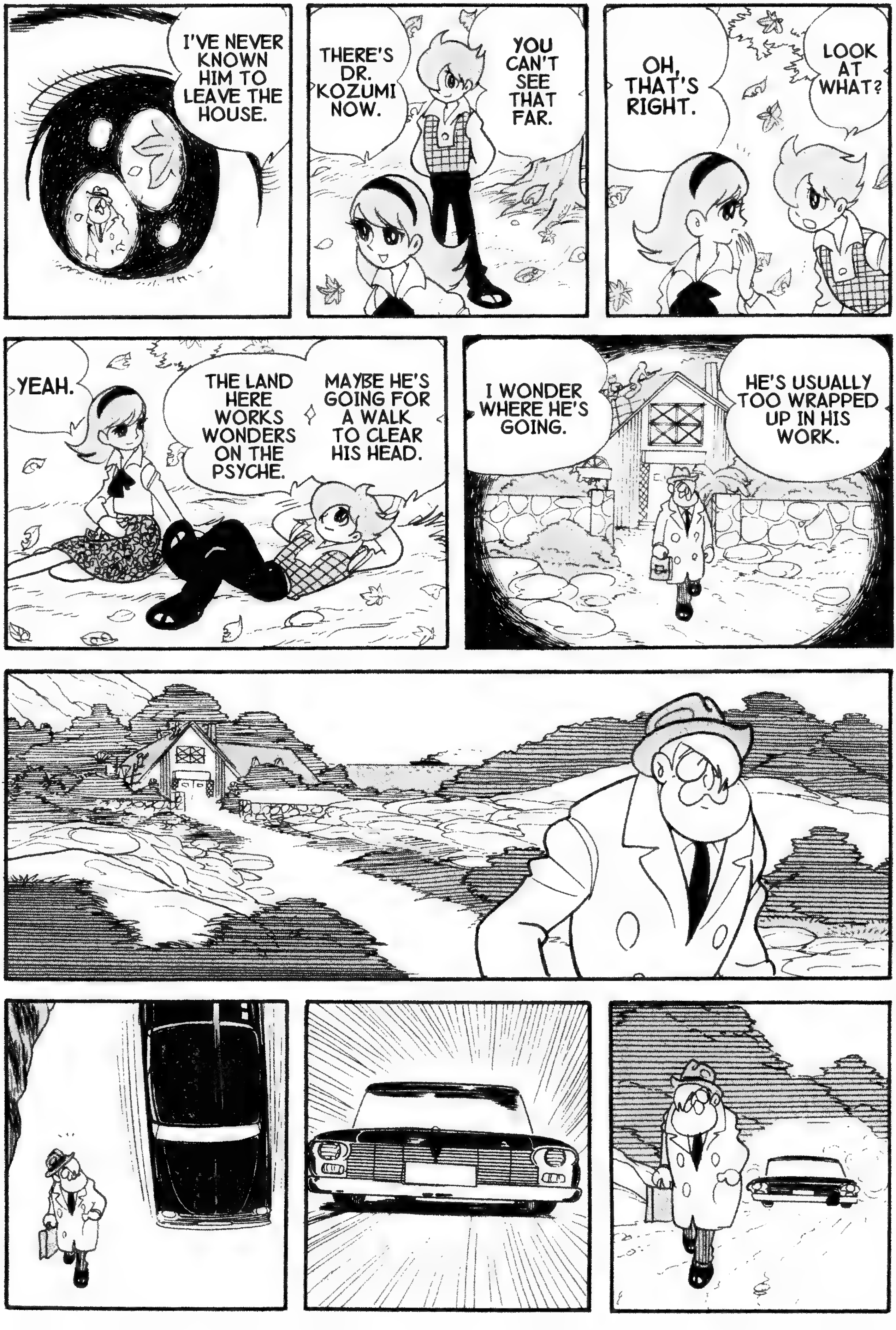
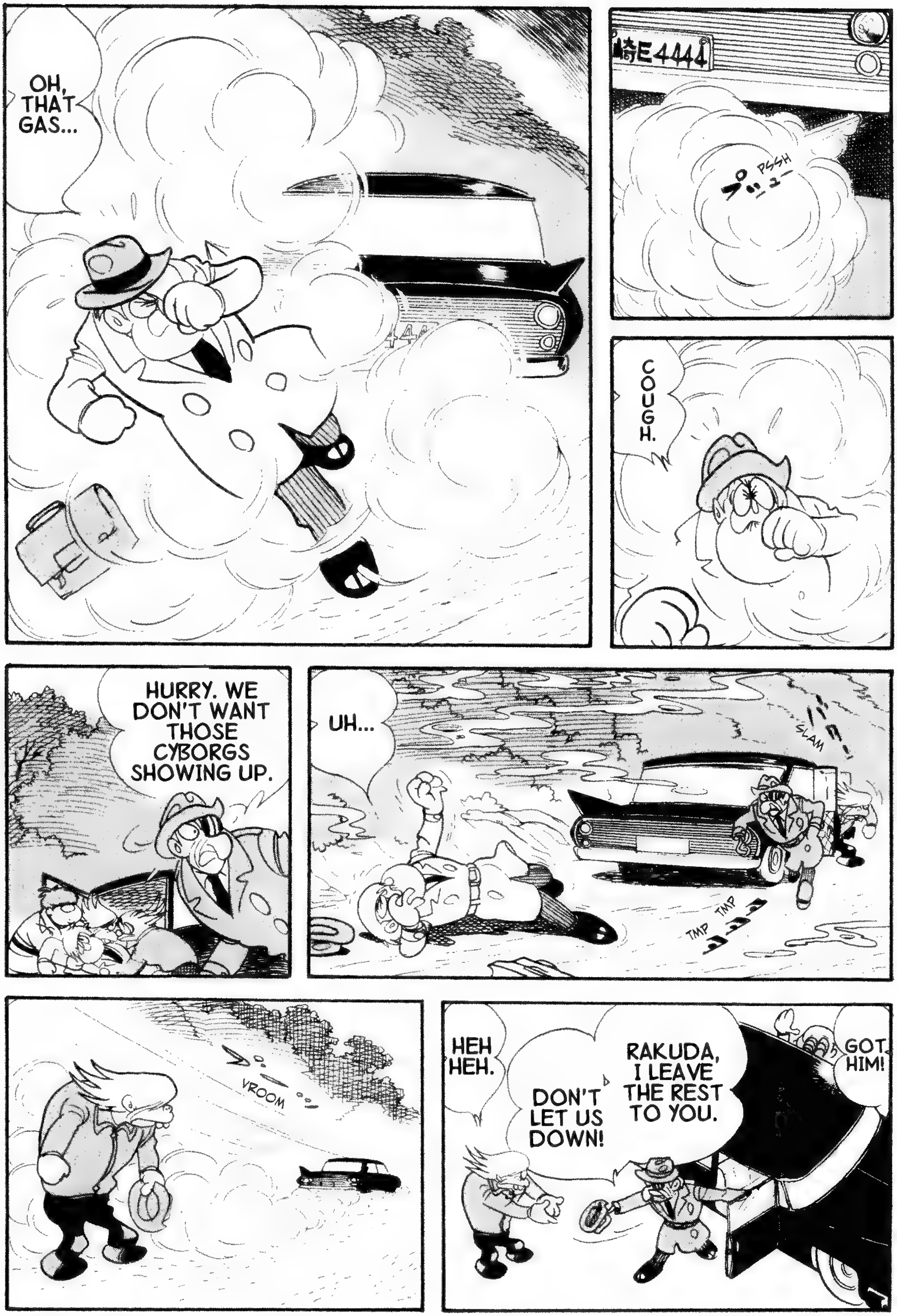
ZAP
パッ
FLIT
パラッ

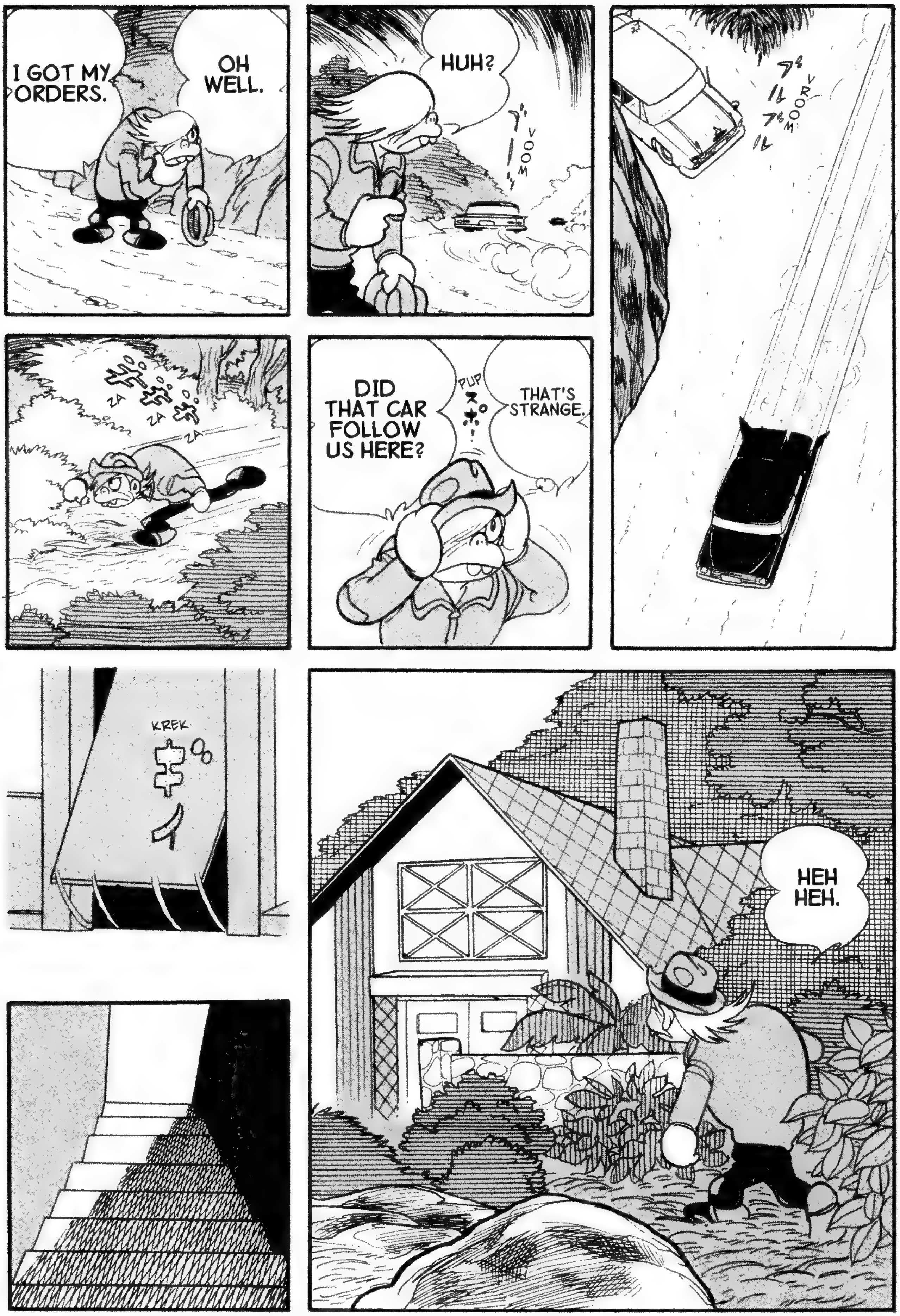

SNIFF SNIFF
SHAAK
RAWF.
ゴゴゴ GA GA GA
ゴゴゴ GA GA GA
ゴゴゴ GA GA GA
GRRRRRR...
YIPE.
SLAM
Ha ha ha ha ha ha
ズズズ ZU ZU ZU
Perfect.
Ha ha ha ha ha ha
YELP
YELP
YELP
ゴゴゴ GA GA GA

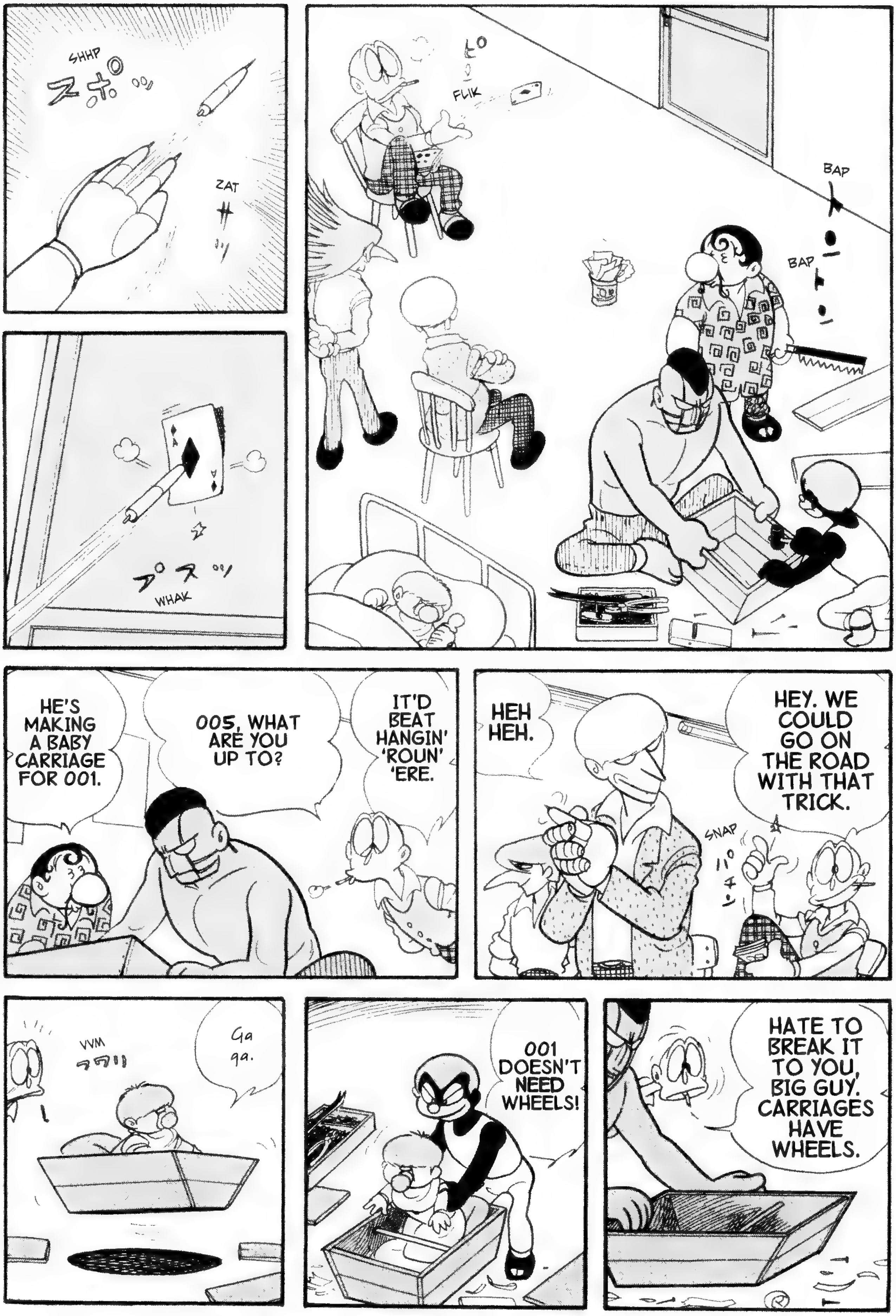

Now gentle-men...
...be my hand...
...my eyes...
...my foot...
KREK
Now, all I have to do is bait the trap.
And I know exactly the thing to get those nine little rats running our way.
THUD
Go fetch Dr. Kozumi.
TMP
TMP
SLAM
BOING
BOING
Trouble, foot?
N...NO SIR!

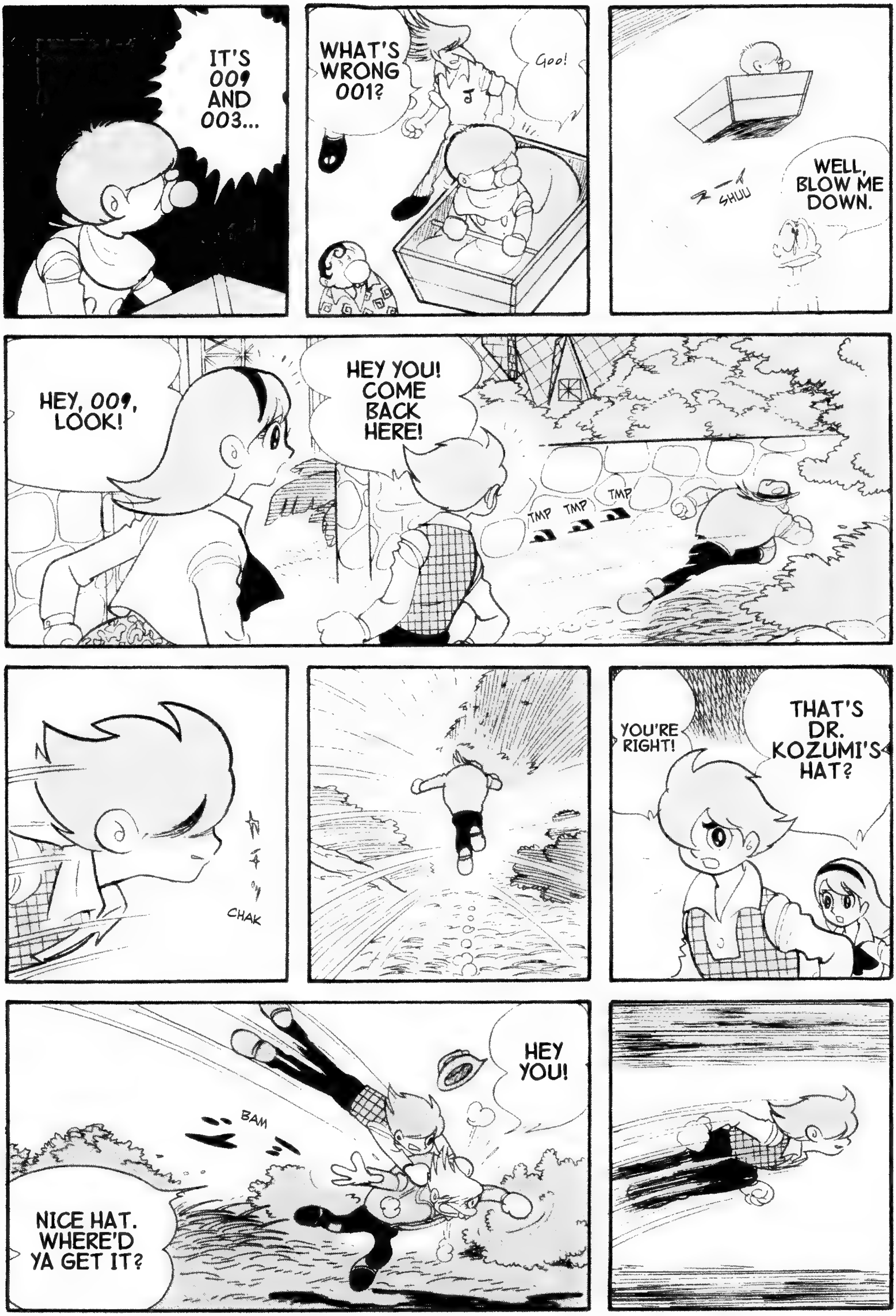

Nothing will save the cyborgs now.
BASH
BASH
The cogs have been set in motion.
My plan is a thing of beauty.
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
CRUNCH
LOOK AT THE BUILDERS WORKING ON DR. KOZUMI'S HOUSE.
THEY SHOULD HAVE IT FIXED UP IN NO TIME.
YEAH, THE MAPLE LEAVES ARE SO COLORFUL IN THE FALL.
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

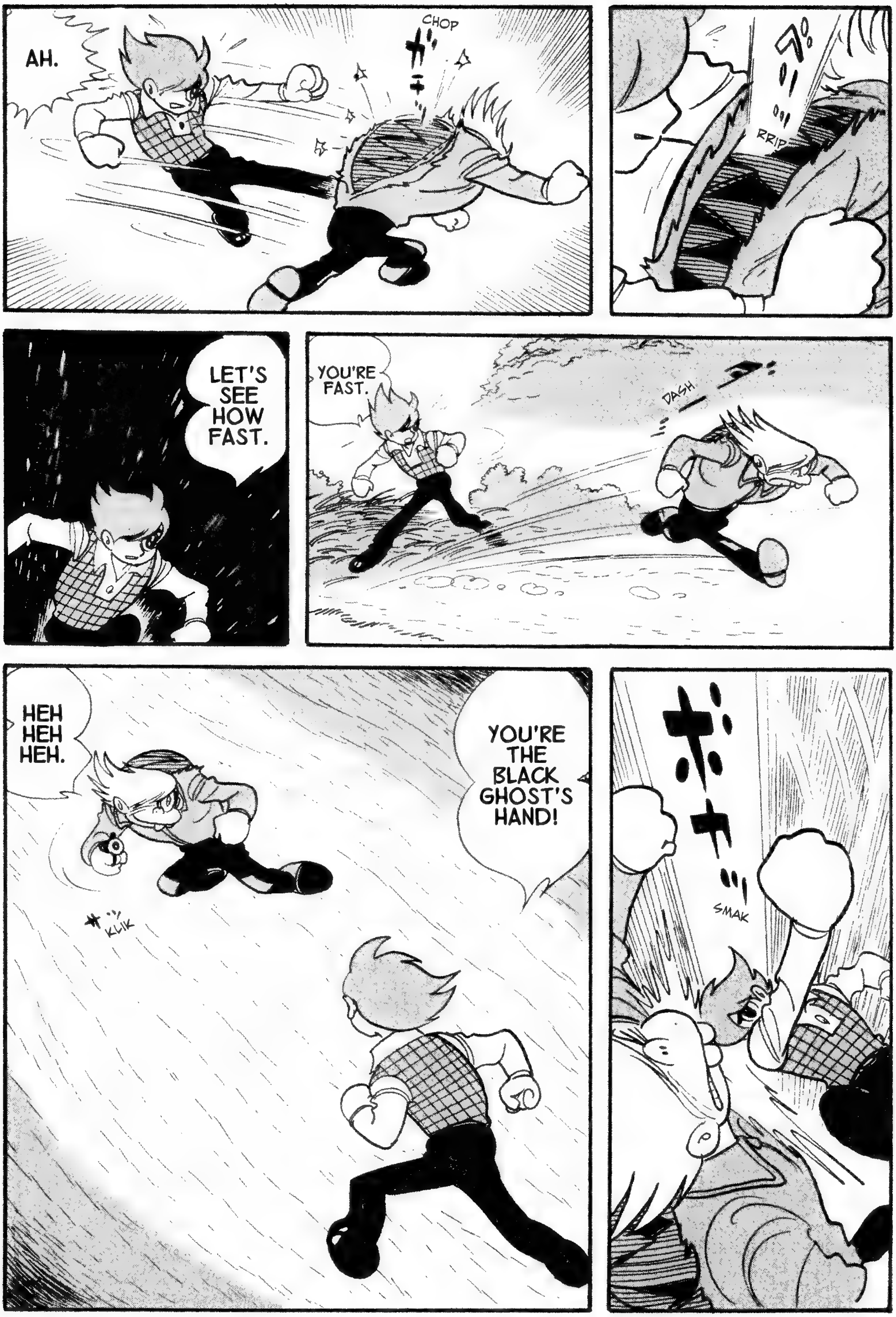

LOOK AT WHAT?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU CAN'T SEE THAT FAR.
THERE'S DR. KOZUMI NOW.
I'VE NEVER KNOWN HIM TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.
HE'S USUALLY TOO WRAPPED UP IN HIS WORK.
I WONDER WHERE HE'S GOING.
MAYBE HE'S GOING FOR A WALK TO CLEAR HIS HEAD.
THE LAND HERE WORKS WONDERS ON THE PSYCHE.
YEAH.

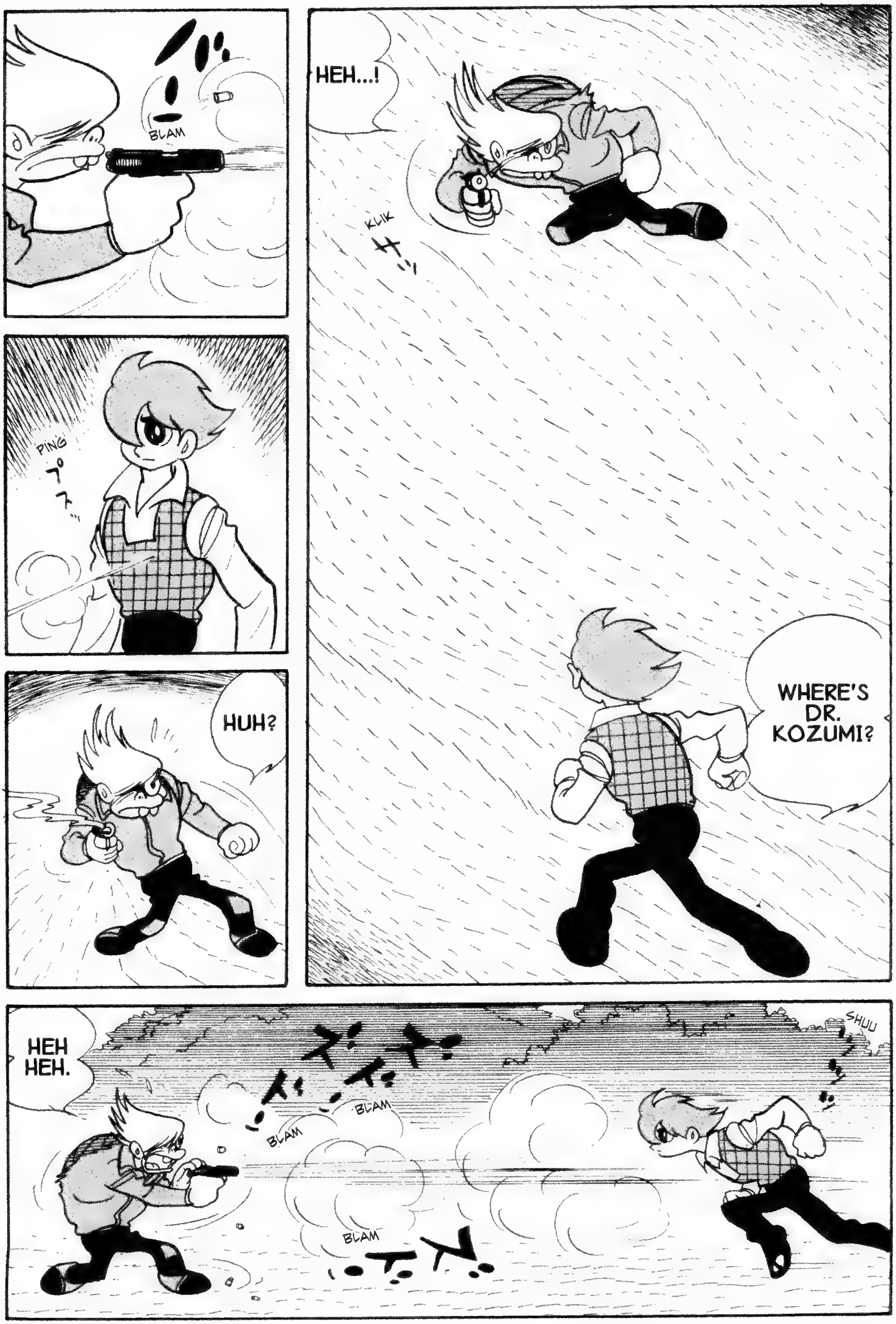

OH, THAT GAS...
崎E4444
PSSH
COUGH.
HURRY. WE DON'T WANT THOSE CYBORGS SHOWING UP.
UH...
SLAM
TMP TMP
VROOM
HEH HEH.
RAKUDA, I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
DON'T LET US DOWN!
GOT HIM!

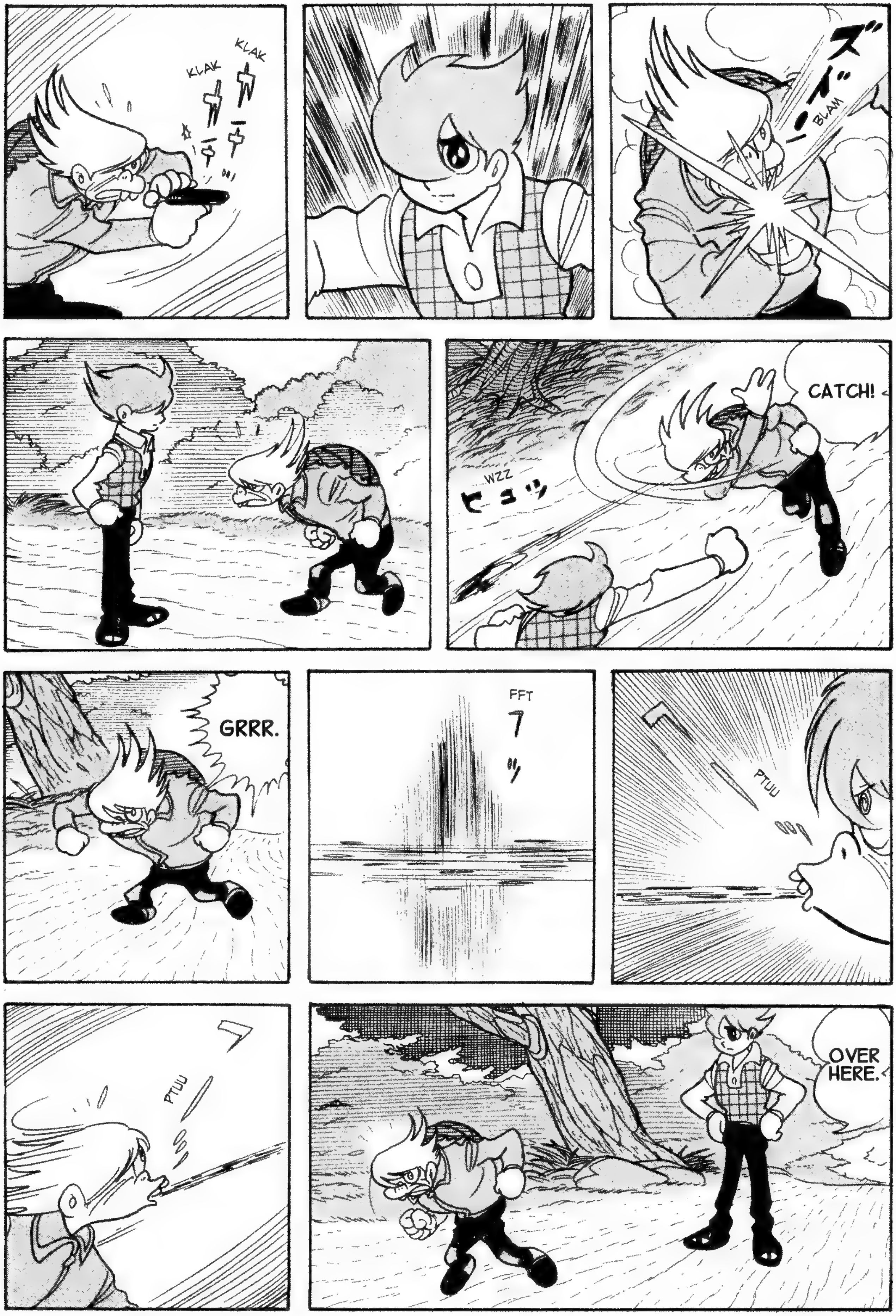

I GOT MY ORDERS.
OH WELL.
HUH?
VOOM
VROOM
ZA ZA ZA
DID THAT CAR FOLLOW US HERE?
PUP
THAT'S STRANGE.
KREK
HEH HEH.

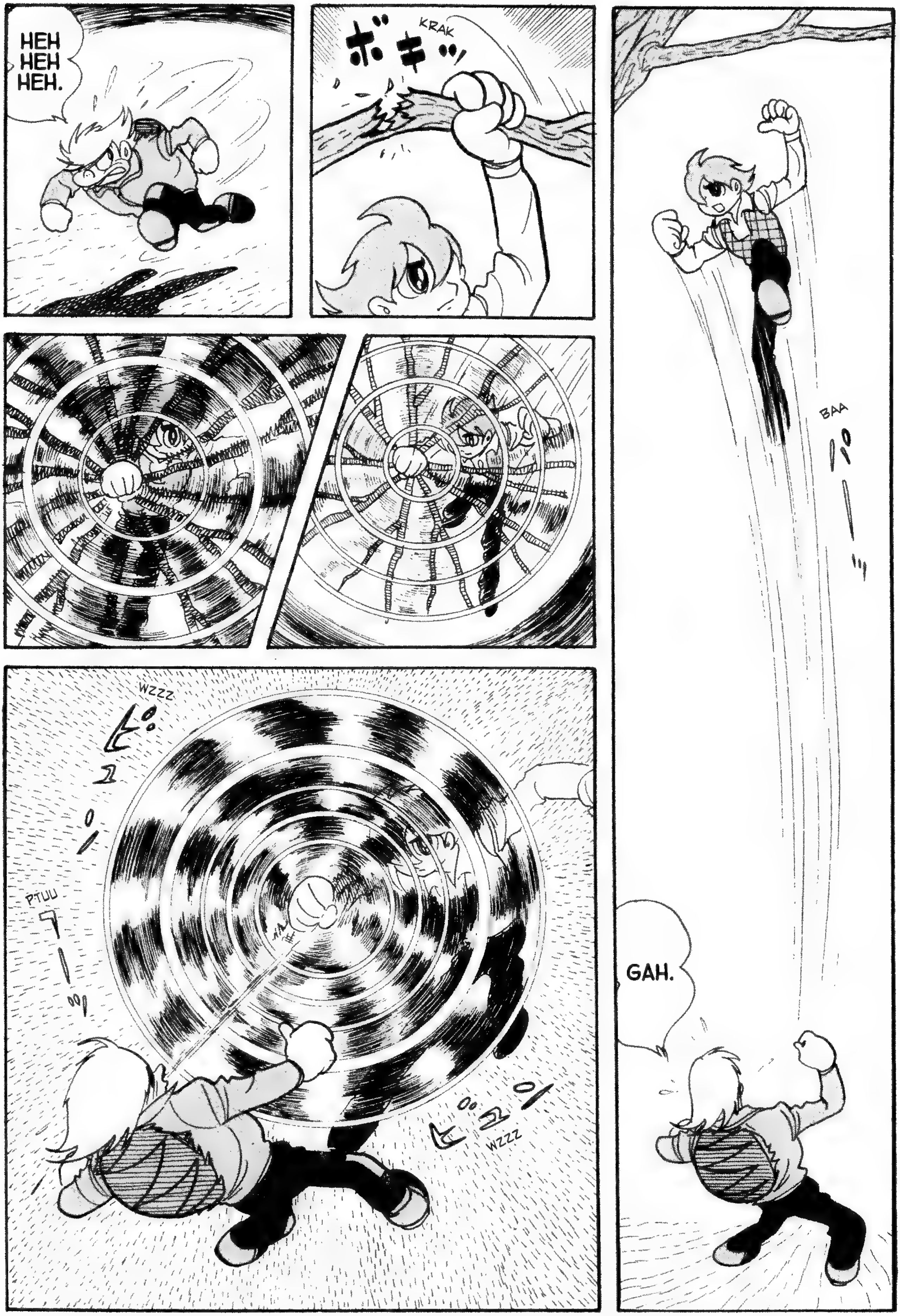

SHHP
ZAT
WHAK
FLIK
BAP
BAP
HE'S MAKING A BABY CARRIAGE FOR 001.
005, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
IT'D BEAT HANGIN' 'ROUN' 'ERE.
HEH HEH.
HEY. WE COULD GO ON THE ROAD WITH THAT TRICK.
SNAP
VVM
Ga ga.
001 DOESN'T NEED WHEELS!
HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BIG GUY. CARRIAGES HAVE WHEELS.


IT'S 009 AND 003...
WHAT'S WRONG 001?
Goo!
SHUU
WELL, BLOW ME DOWN.
HEY, 009, LOOK!
HEY YOU! COME BACK HERE!
TMP TMP TMP
CHAK
THAT'S DR. KOZUMI'S HAT?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
HEY YOU!
BAM
NICE HAT. WHERE'D YA GET IT?


AH.
CHOP
RRIP
LET'S SEE HOW FAST.
YOU'RE FAST.
DASH
HEH HEH HEH.
KLIK
YOU'RE THE BLACK GHOST'S HAND!
SMAK


BLAM
PING
HUH?
HEH...!
KLIK
WHERE'S DR. KOZUMI?
HEH HEH.
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
SHUU


KLAK
KLAK
カチ
カチ
BLAM
WZZ
ヒュッ
CATCH!
GRRR.
FFT
フッ
PTUU
PTUU
OVER HERE.


HEH HEH HEH.
ボキッ
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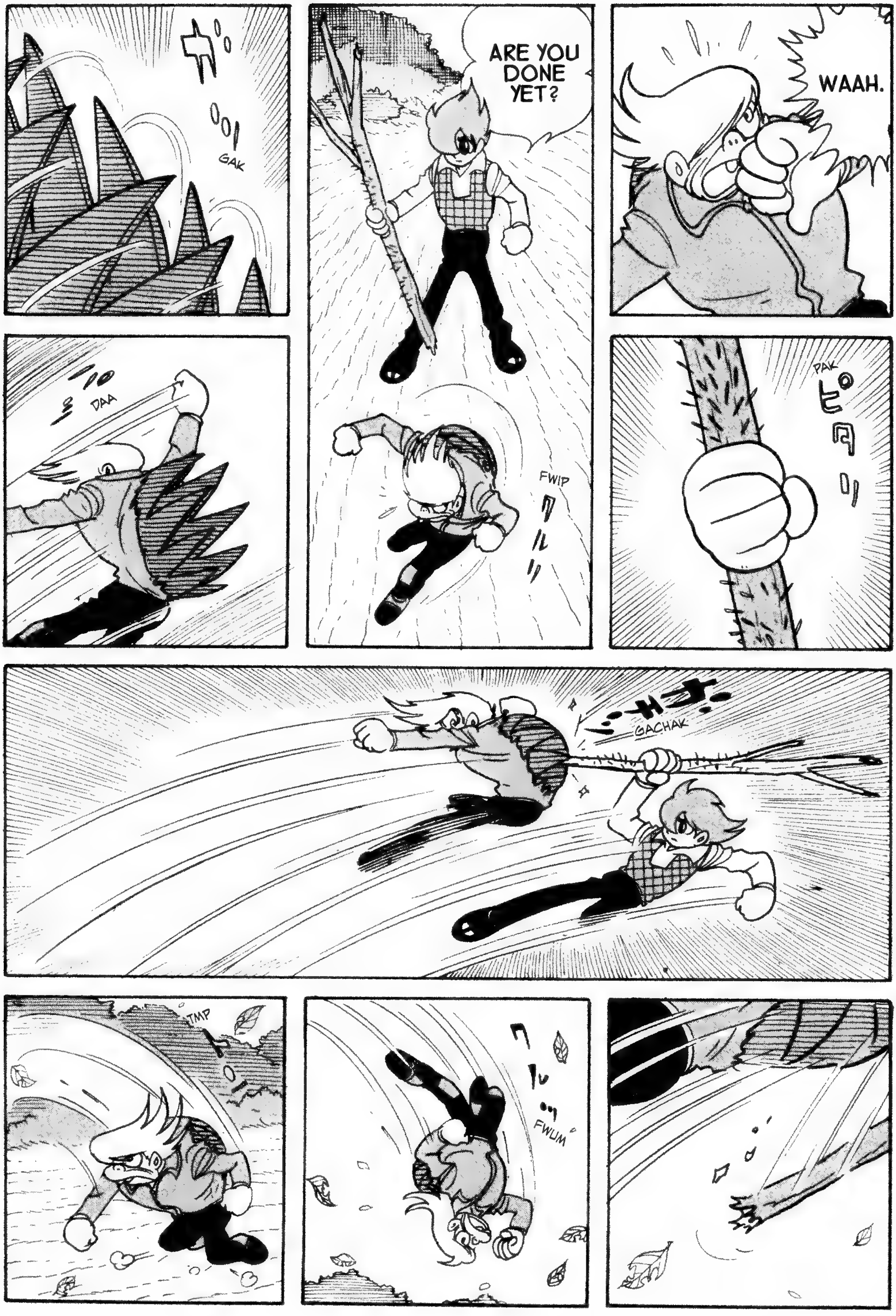
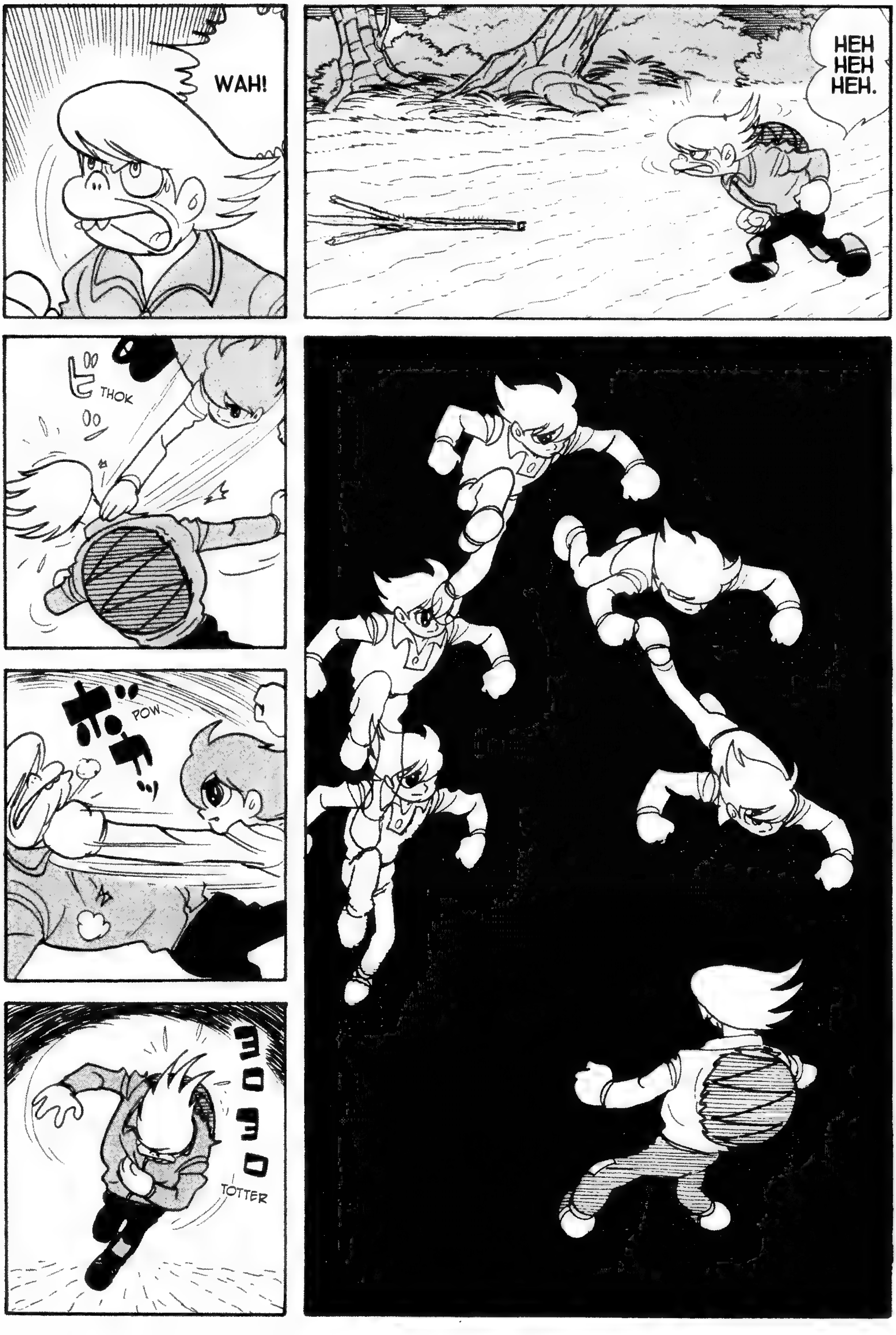
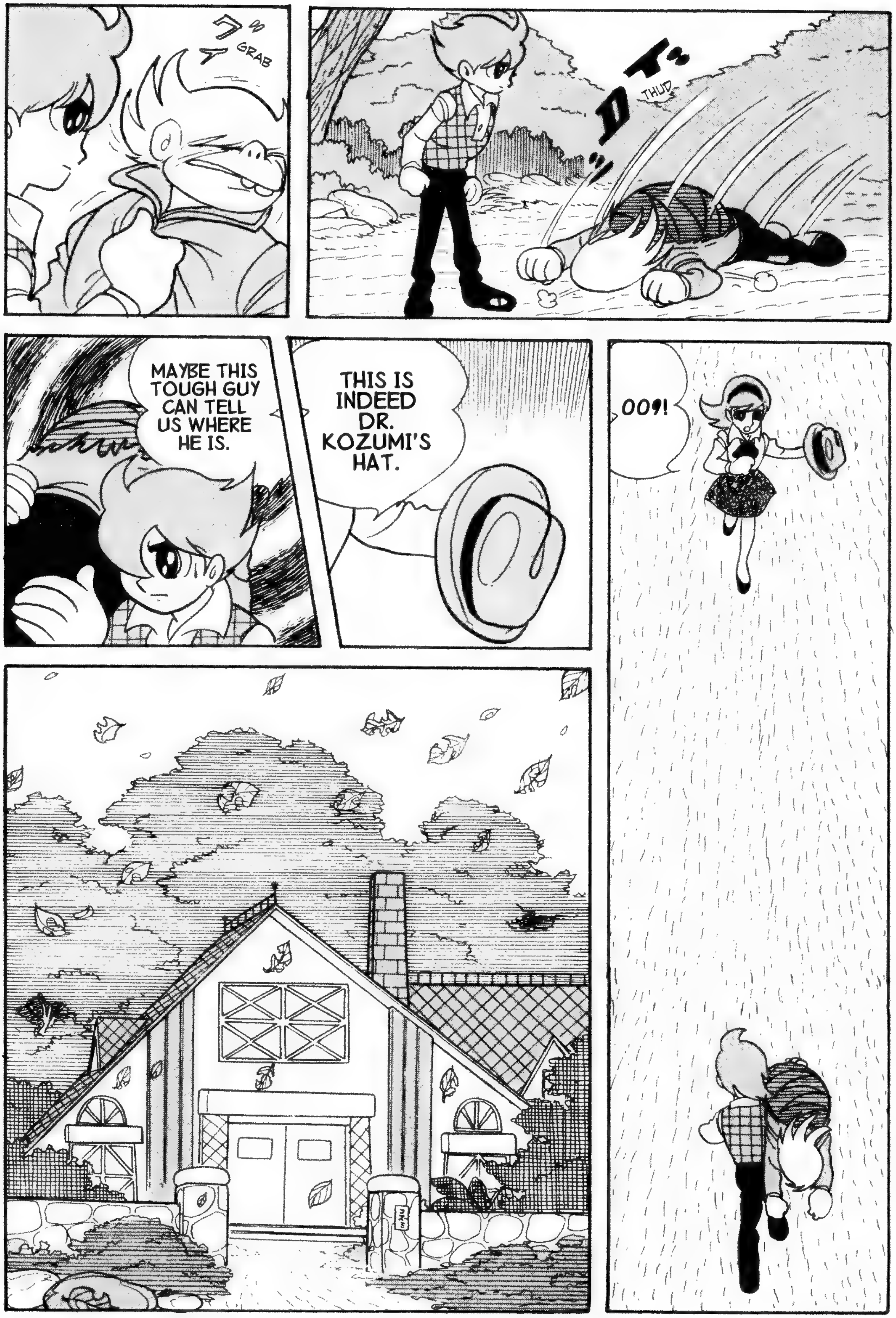
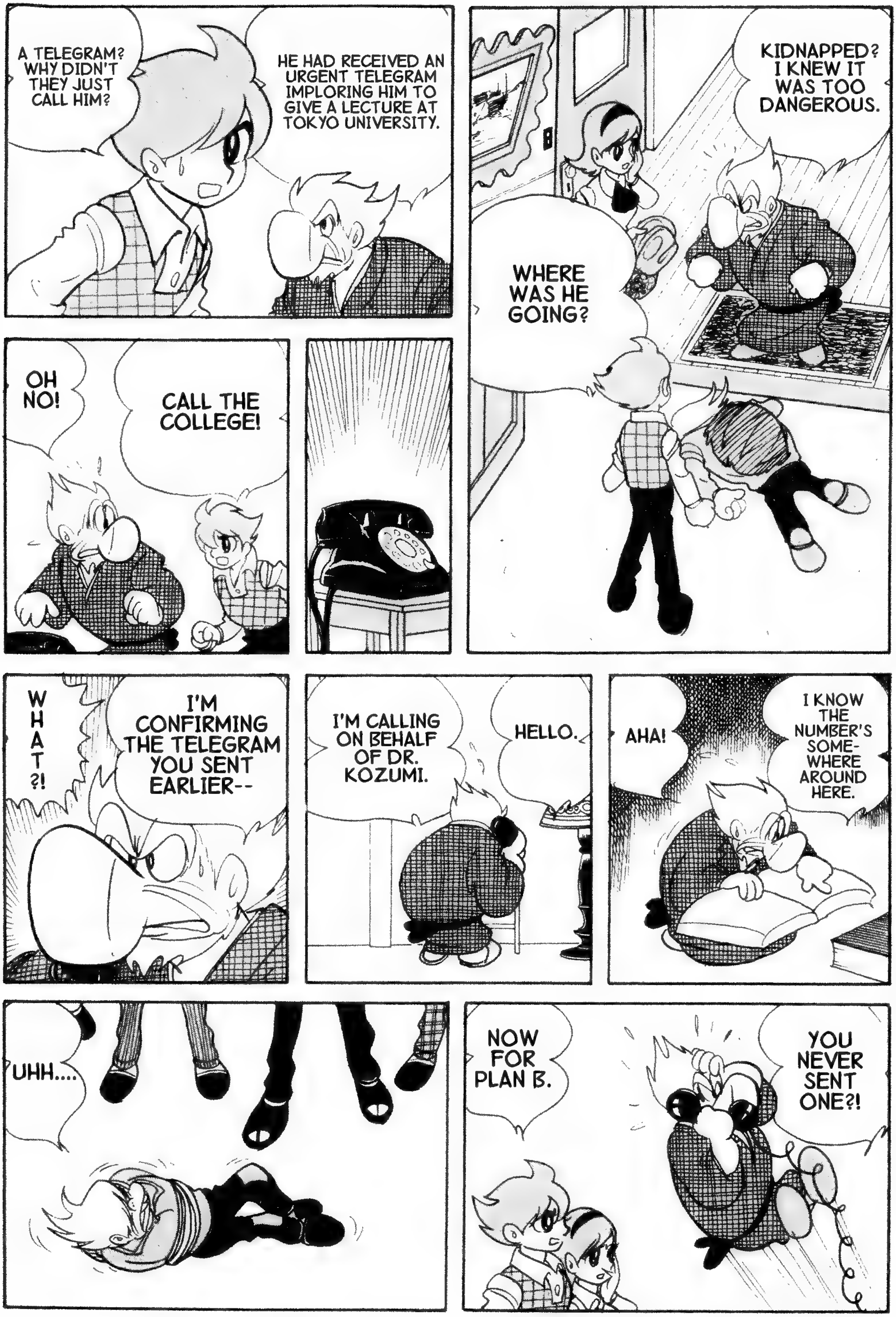
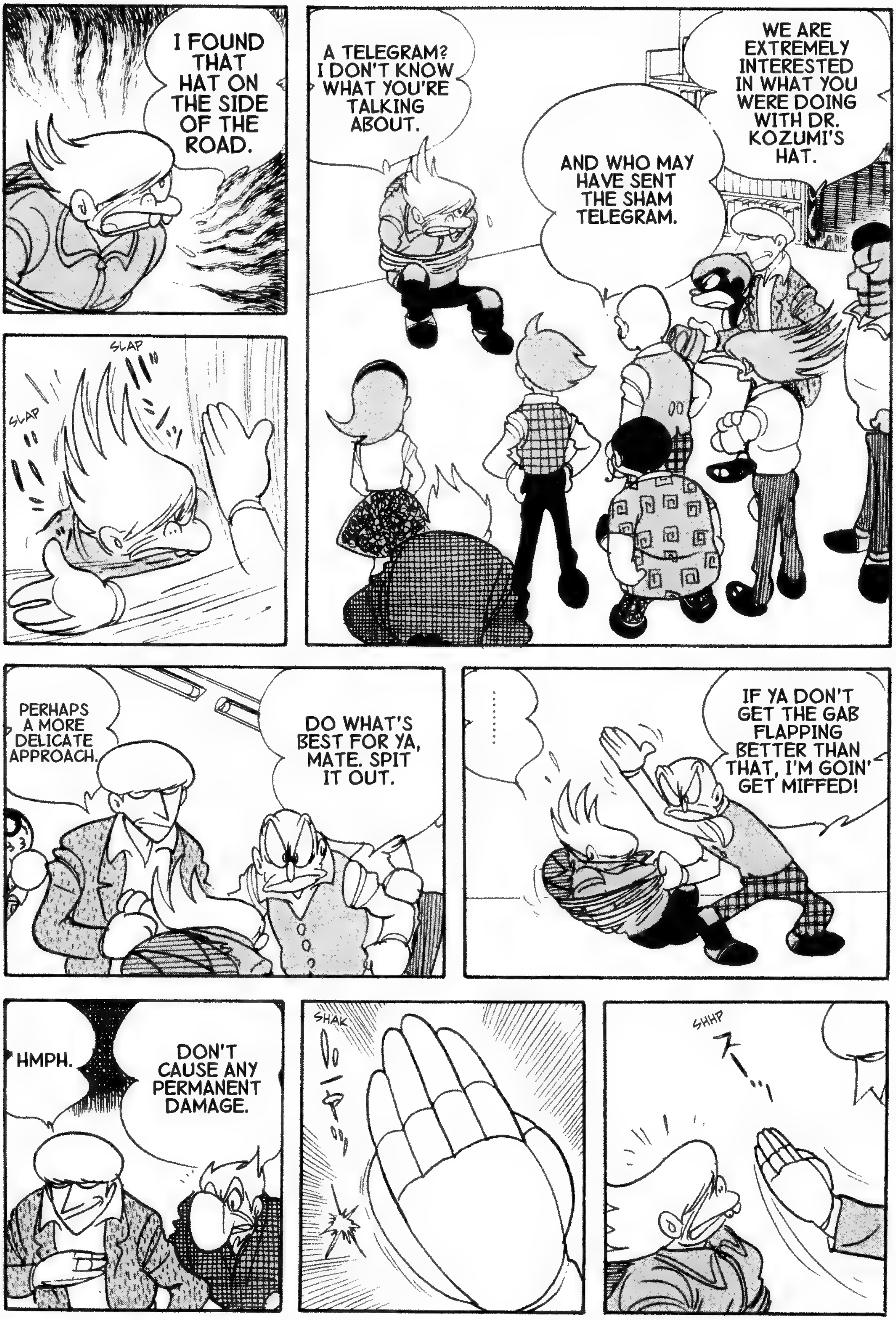
パーッ
BAA
GAH.

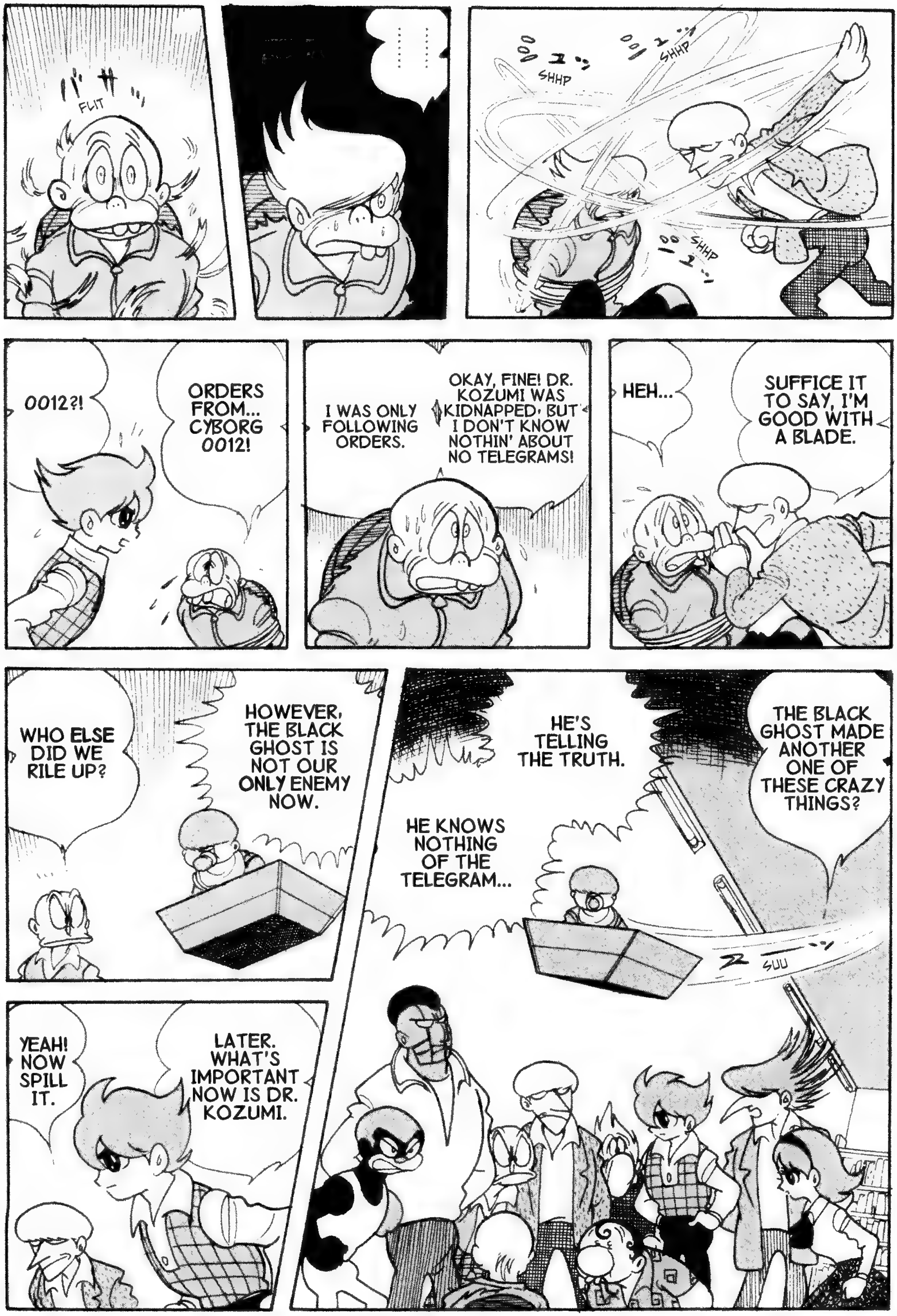

GAK
ARE YOU DONE YET?
WAAH.
DAA
FWIP
PAK
GACHAK
TMP
FWUM

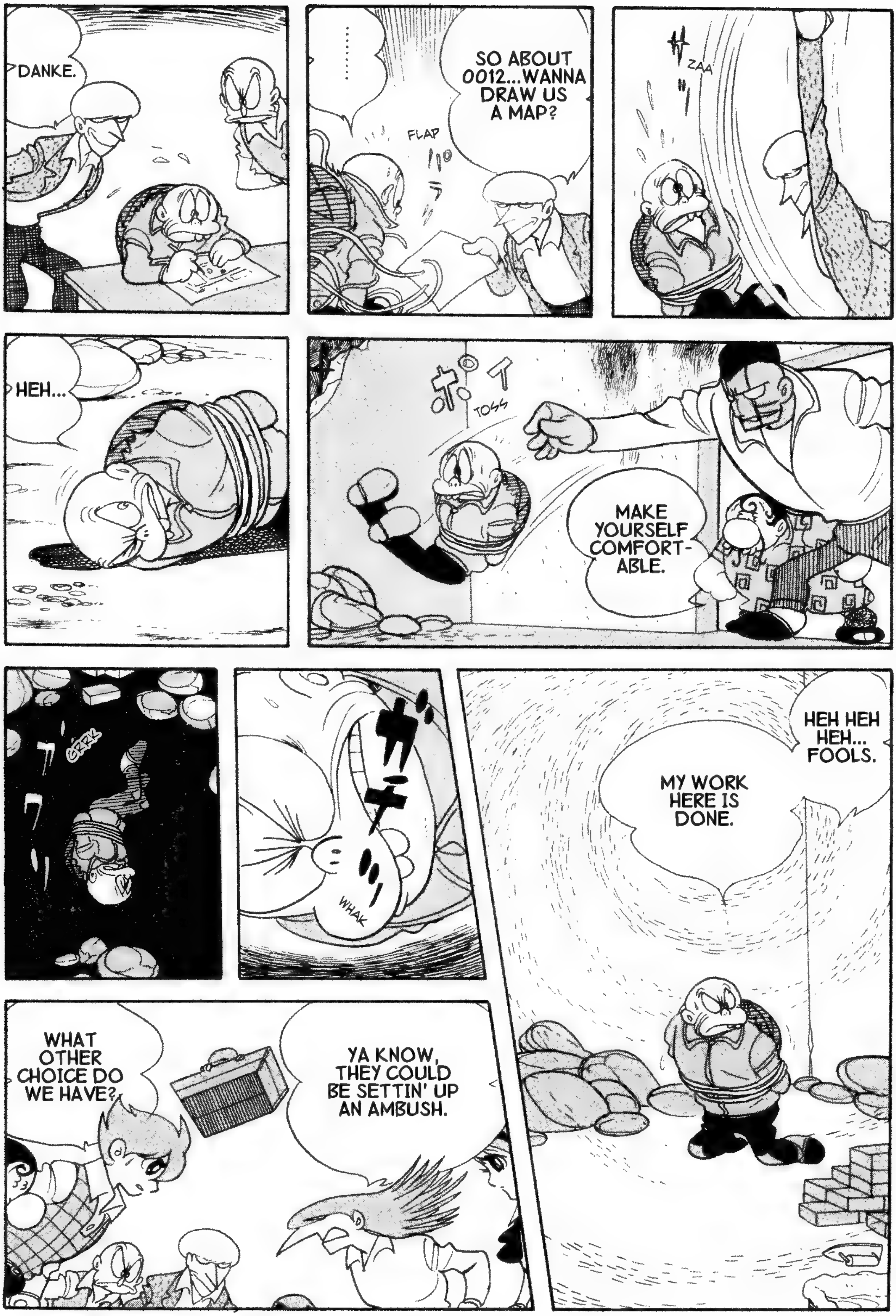

HEH HEH HEH.
WAH!
THOK
POW
TOTTER

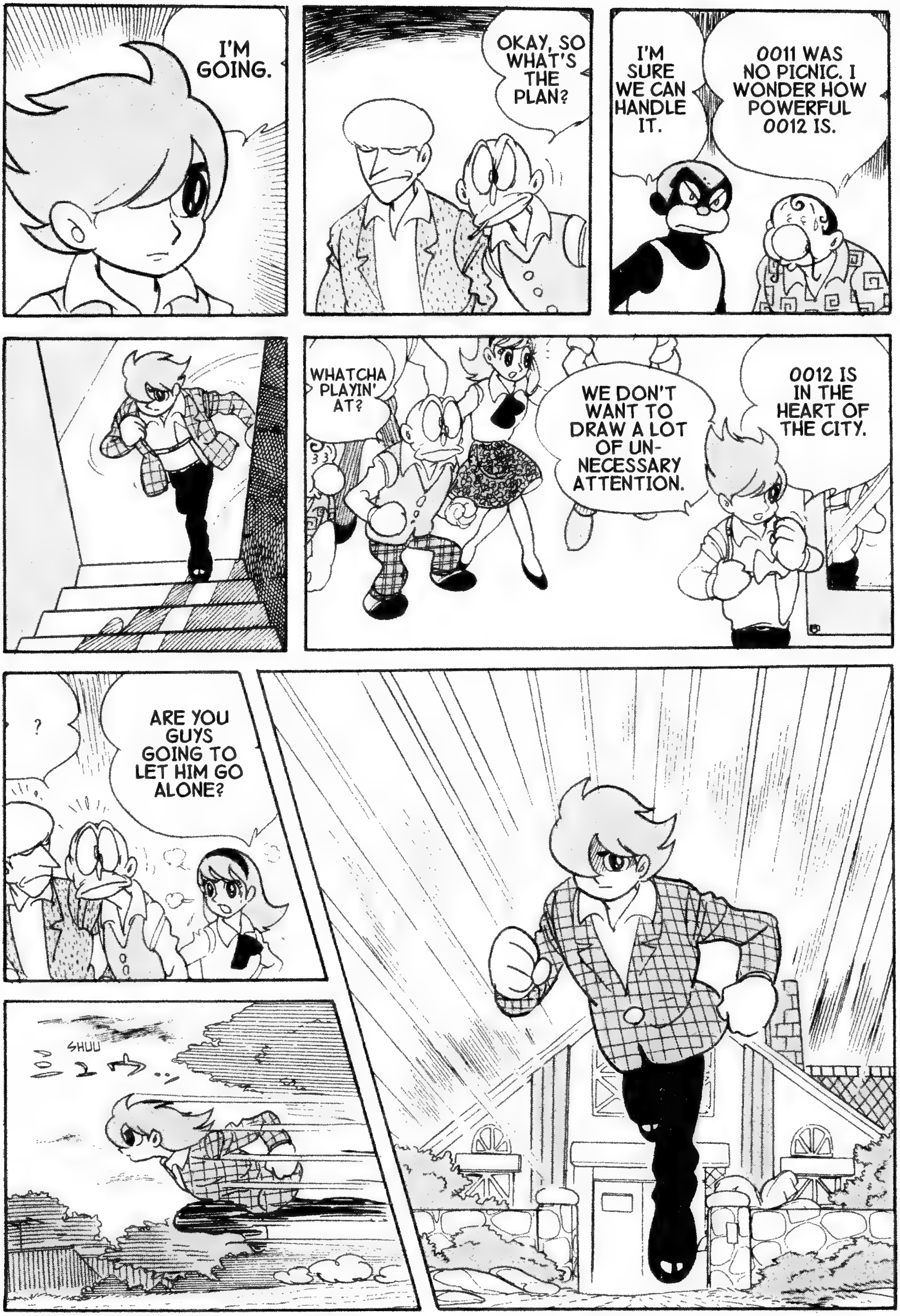

GRAB
THUD
MAYBE THIS TOUGH GUY CAN TELL US WHERE HE IS.
THIS IS INDEED DR. KOZUMI'S HAT.
009!

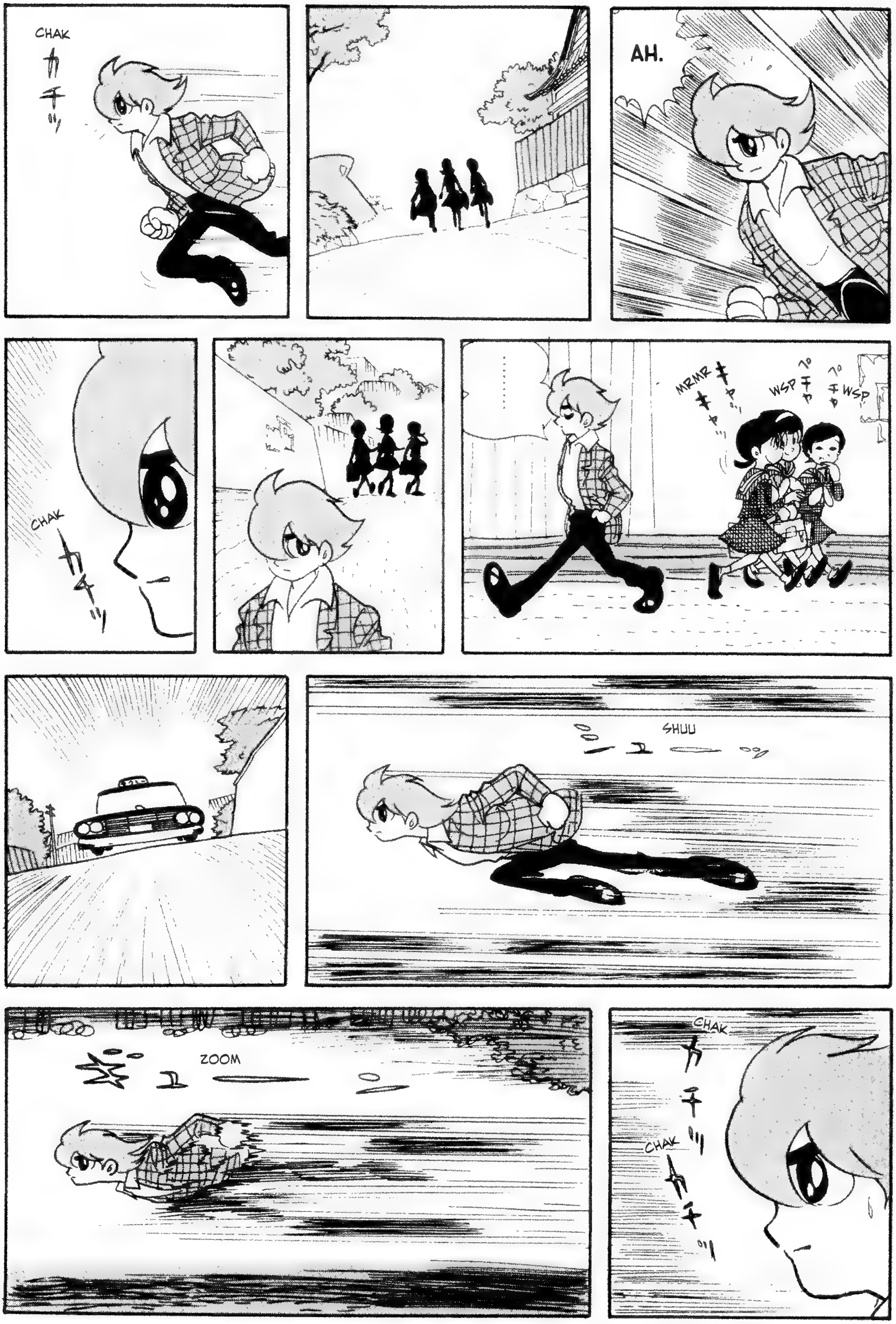

KIDNAPPED? I KNEW IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS.
WHERE WAS HE GOING?
HE HAD RECEIVED AN URGENT TELEGRAM IMPLORING HIM TO GIVE A LECTURE AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
A TELEGRAM? WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST CALL HIM?
CALL THE COLLEGE!
OH NO!
I KNOW THE NUMBER'S SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
AHA!
HELLO.
I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF DR. KOZUMI.
I'M CONFIRMING THE TELEGRAM YOU SENT EARLIER--
WHAT?!
YOU NEVER SENT ONE?!
NOW FOR PLAN B.
UHH....

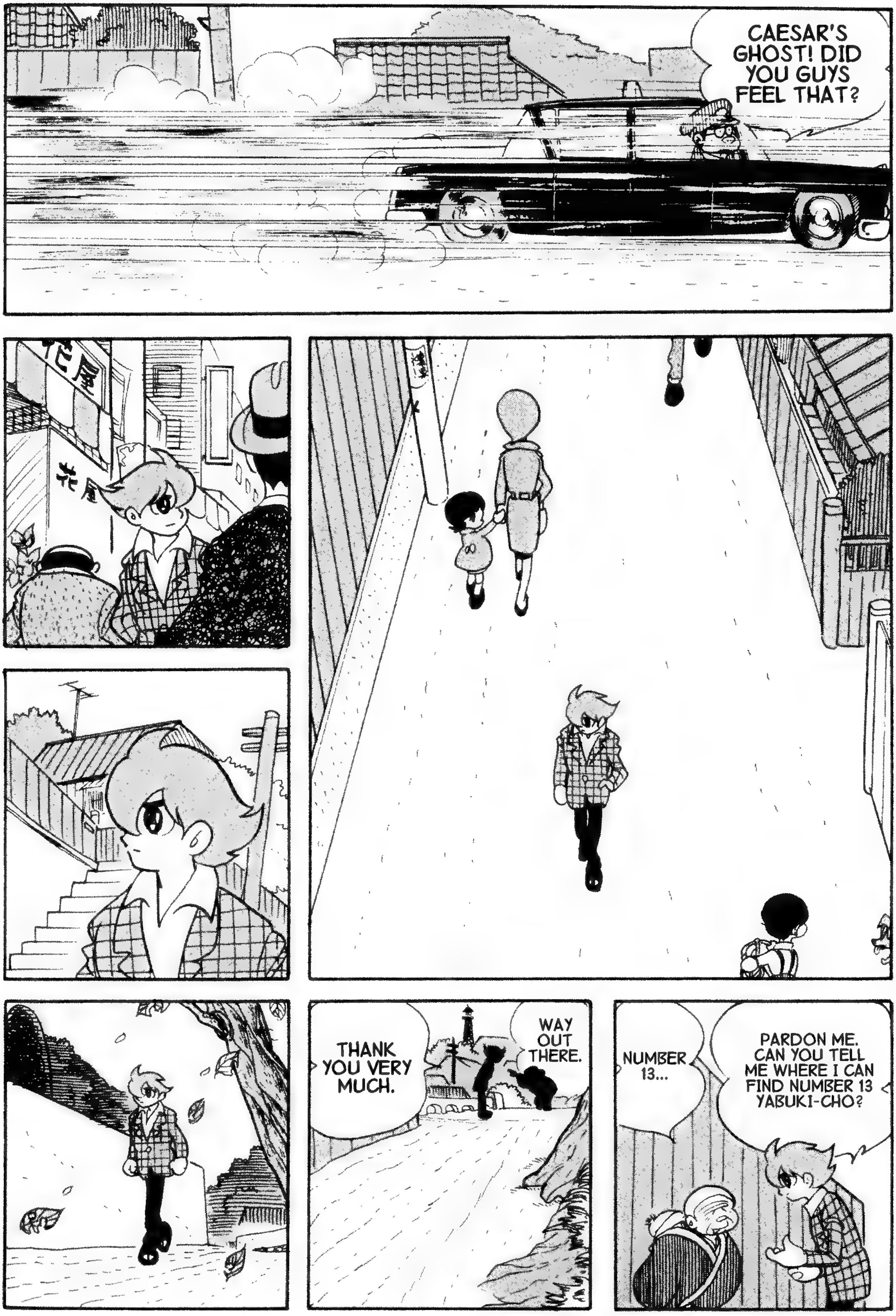

WE ARE EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU WERE DOING WITH DR. KOZUMI'S HAT.
AND WHO MAY HAVE SENT THE SHAM TELEGRAM.
A TELEGRAM? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
I FOUND THAT HAT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.
SLAP
SLAP
IF YA DON'T GET THE GAB FLAPPING BETTER THAN THAT, I'M GOIN' GET MIFFED!
....
DO WHAT'S BEST FOR YA, MATE. SPIT IT OUT.
PERHAPS A MORE DELICATE APPROACH.
SHHP
SHAK
DON'T CAUSE ANY PERMANENT DAMAGE.
HMPH.

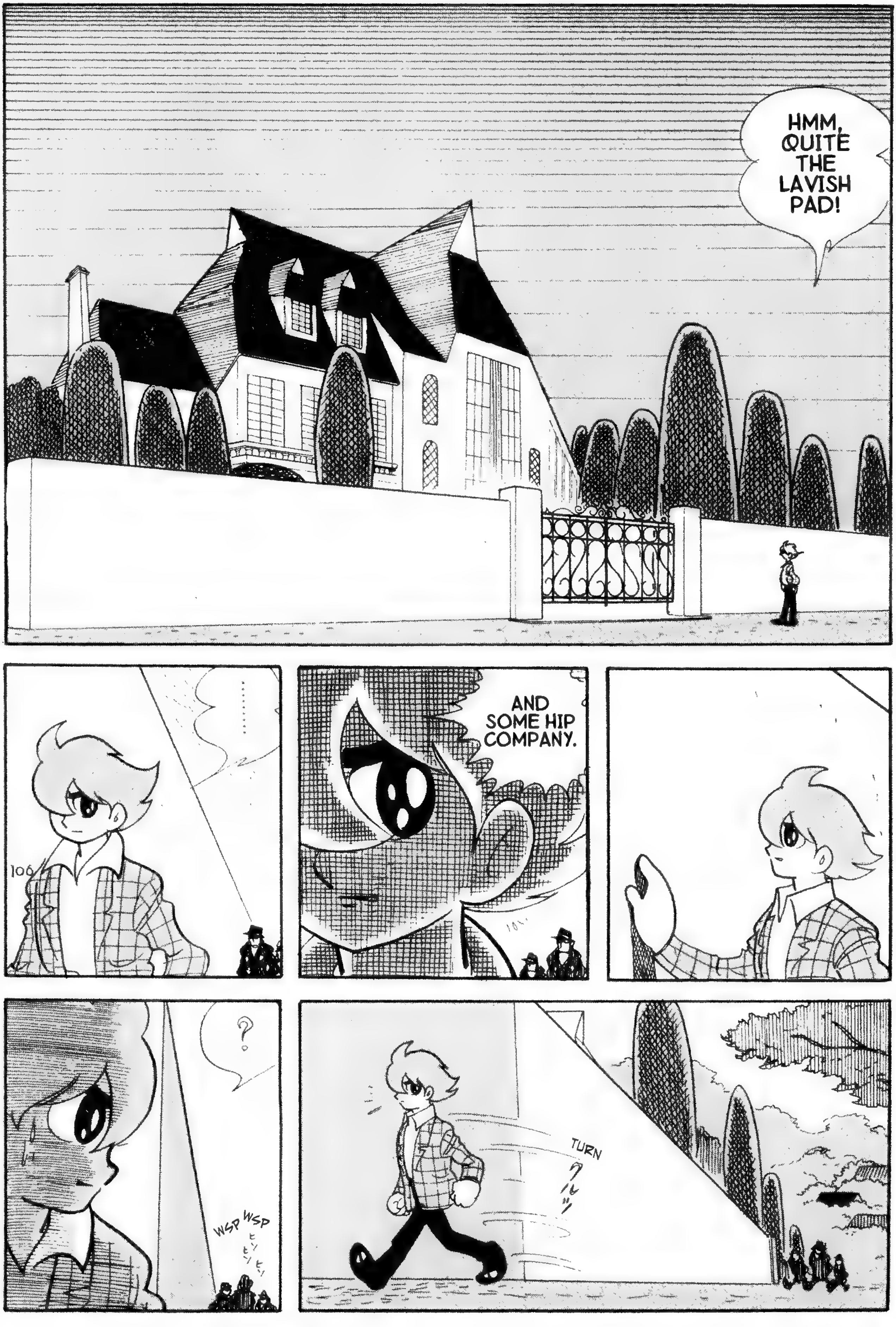

SHHP
SHHP
SHHP
……
バサッ
FLIT
SUFFICE IT TO SAY, I'M GOOD WITH A BLADE.
HEH…
OKAY, FINE! DR. KOZUMI WAS KIDNAPPED, BUT I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT NO TELEGRAMS!
I WAS ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS.
ORDERS FROM… CYBORG 0012!
0012?!
THE BLACK GHOST MADE ANOTHER ONE OF THESE CRAZY THINGS?
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.
HE KNOWS NOTHING OF THE TELEGRAM…
ズーッ
SUU
HOWEVER, THE BLACK GHOST IS NOT OUR ONLY ENEMY NOW.
WHO ELSE DID WE RILE UP?
…
LATER. WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS DR. KOZUMI.
YEAH! NOW SPILL IT.

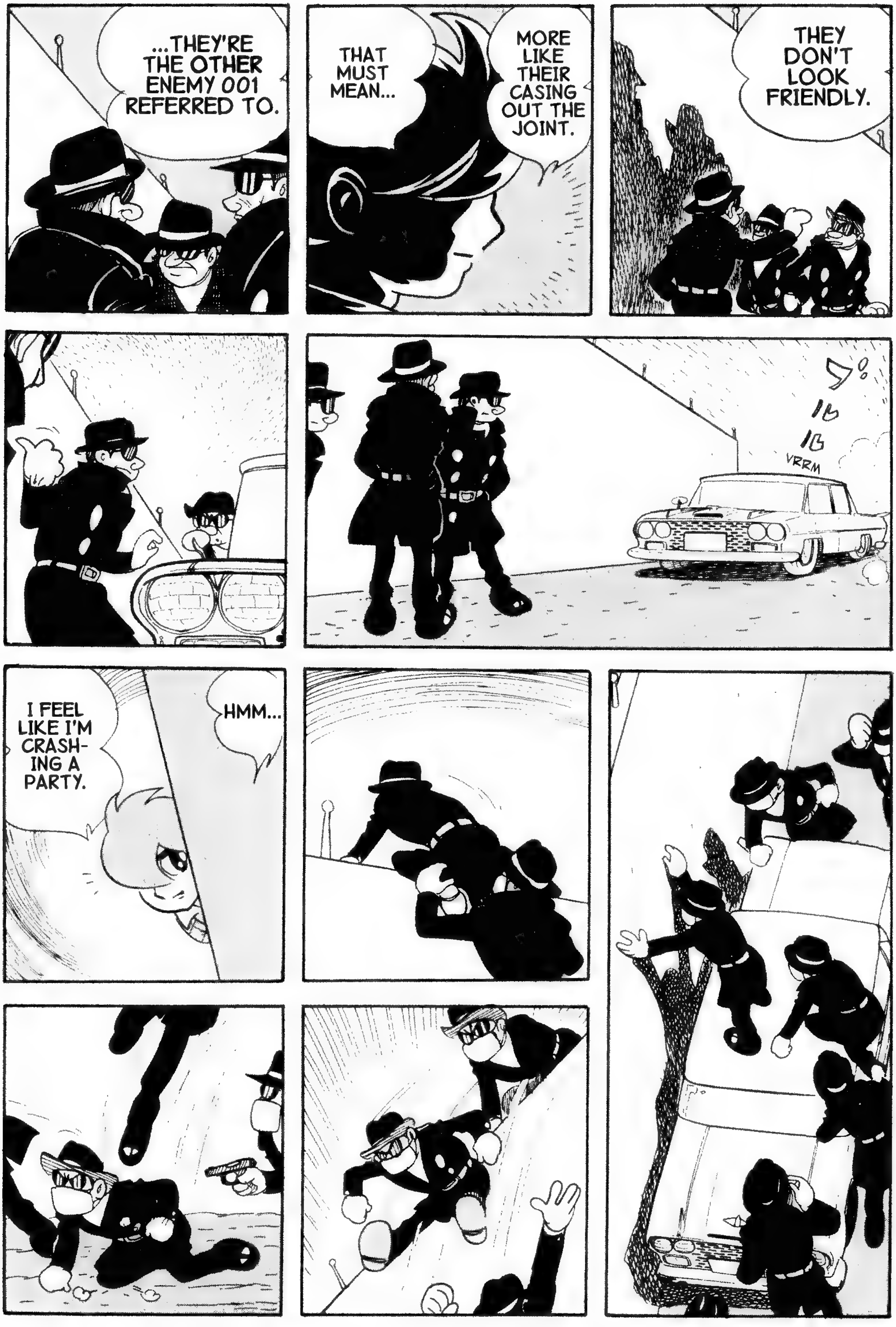

DANKE.
……
SO ABOUT 0012...WANNA DRAW US A MAP?
FLAP
ZAA
HEH...
ポイ
TOSS
MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.
GRRK
WHAK
HEH HEH HEH... FOOLS.
MY WORK HERE IS DONE.
WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO WE HAVE?
YA KNOW, THEY COULD BE SETTIN' UP AN AMBUSH.

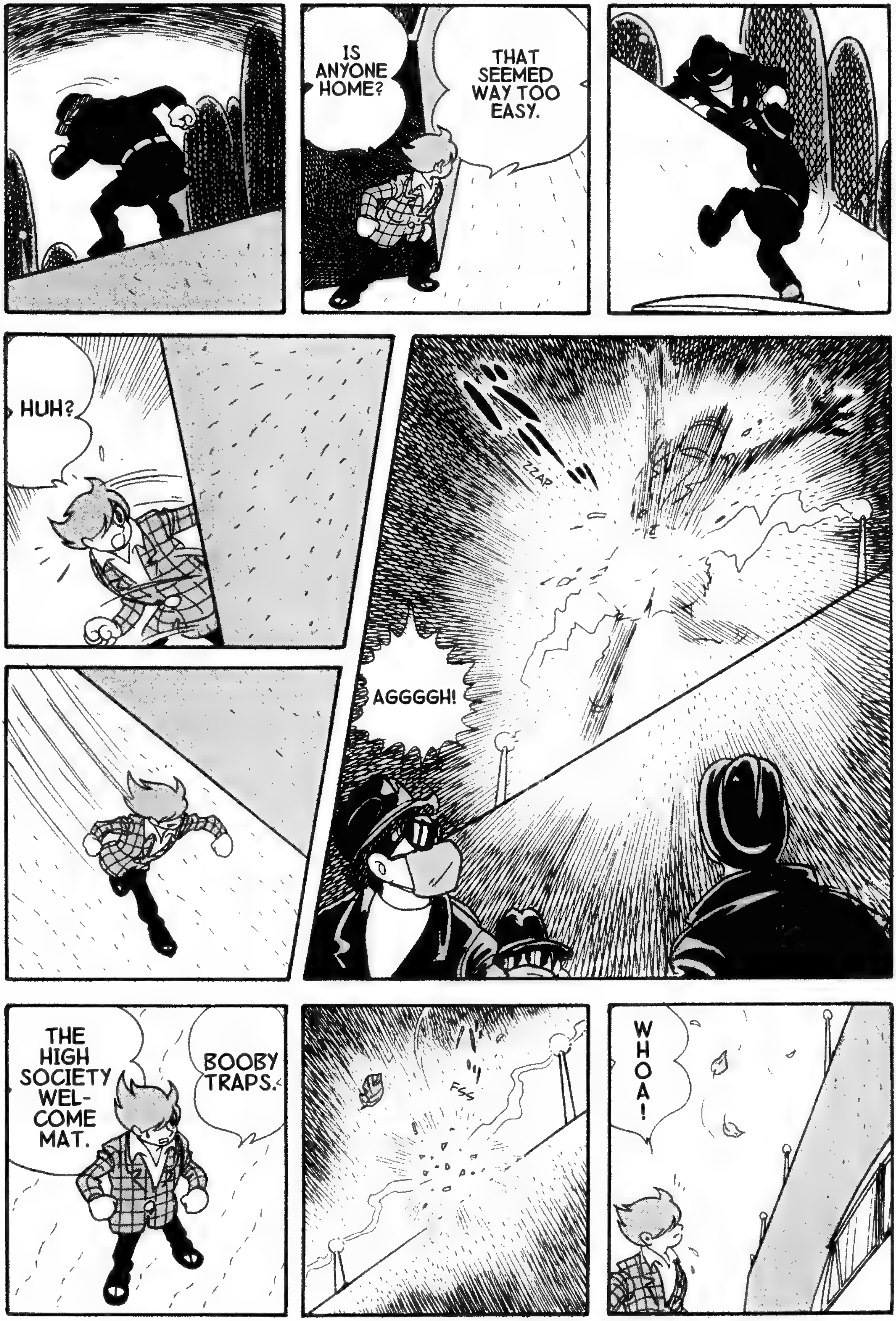

0011 WAS NO PICNIC. I WONDER HOW POWERFUL 0012 IS.
I'M SURE WE CAN HANDLE IT.
OKAY, SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?
I'M GOING.
0012 IS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.
WE DON'T WANT TO DRAW A LOT OF UNNECESSARY ATTENTION.
WHATCHA PLAYIN' AT?
ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO LET HIM GO ALONE?
?
SHUU

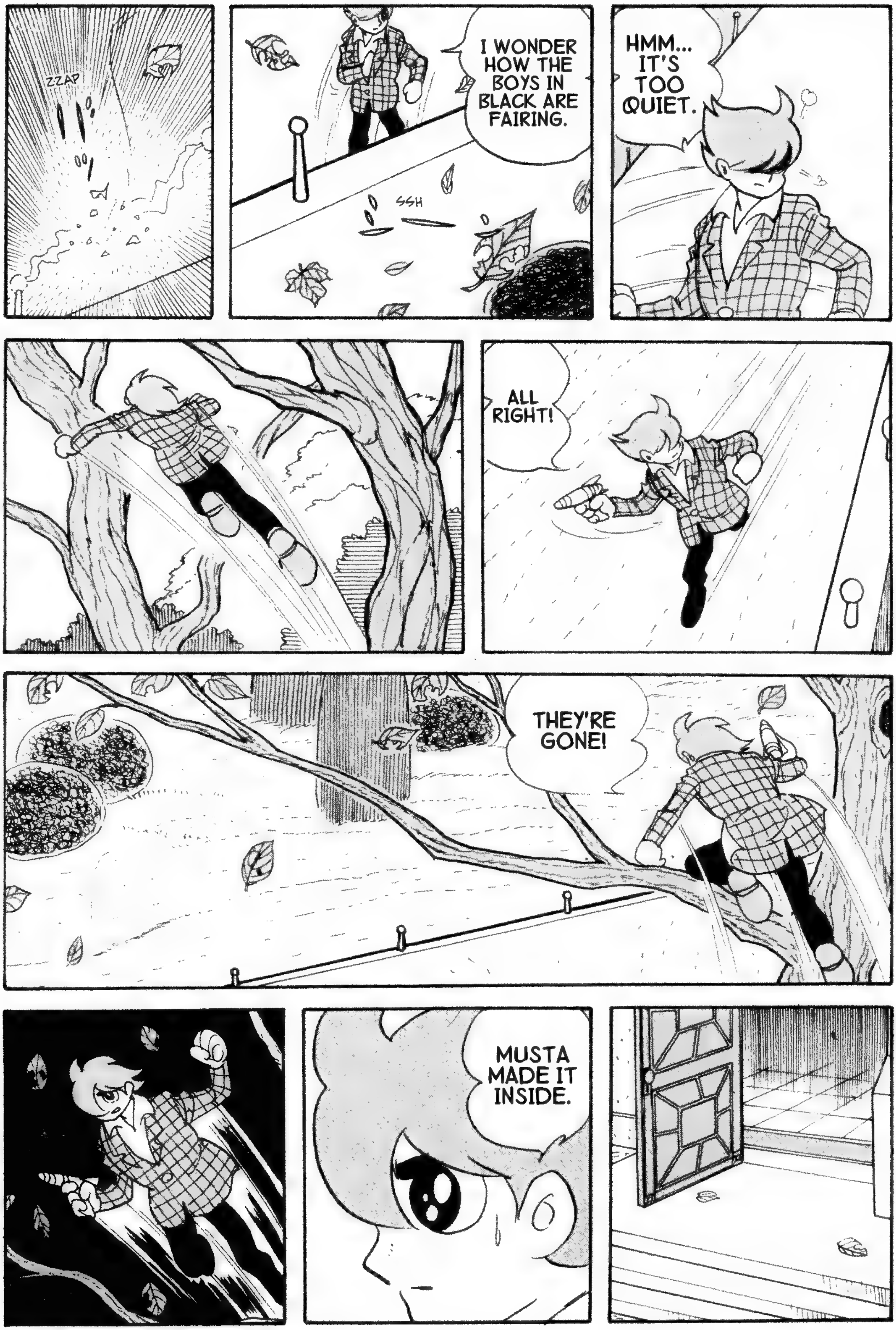

CHAK
カチッ
AH.
CHAK
カチッ
MRMR
キャ キャッ
WSP
ペチャ
ペチャ
WSP
SHUU
シューッ
ZOOM
ズューッ
CHAK
カチッ
CHAK
カチッ

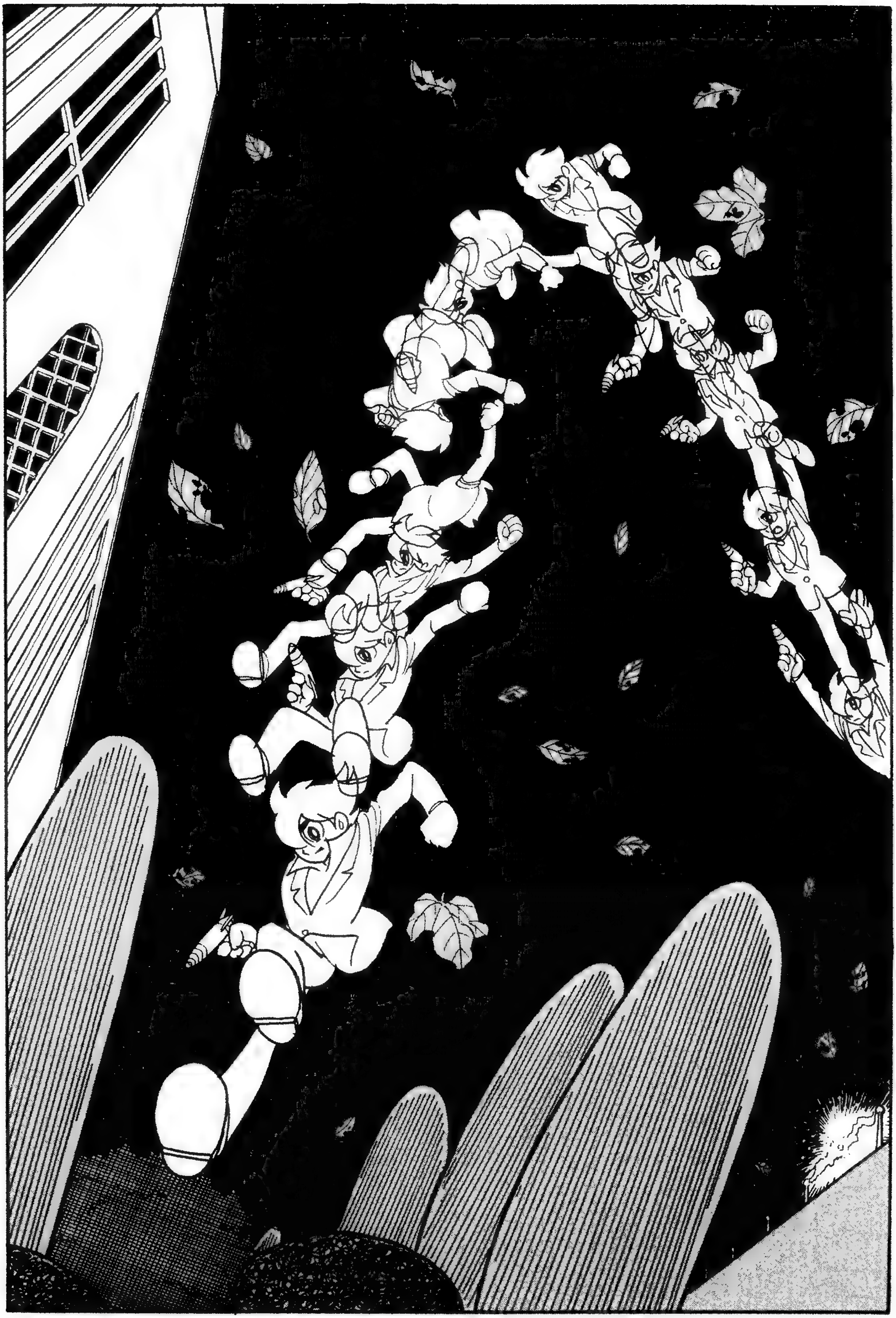

CAESAR'S GHOST! DID YOU GUYS FEEL THAT?
花屋
PARDON ME. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND NUMBER 13 YABUKI-CHO?
NUMBER 13...
WAY OUT THERE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

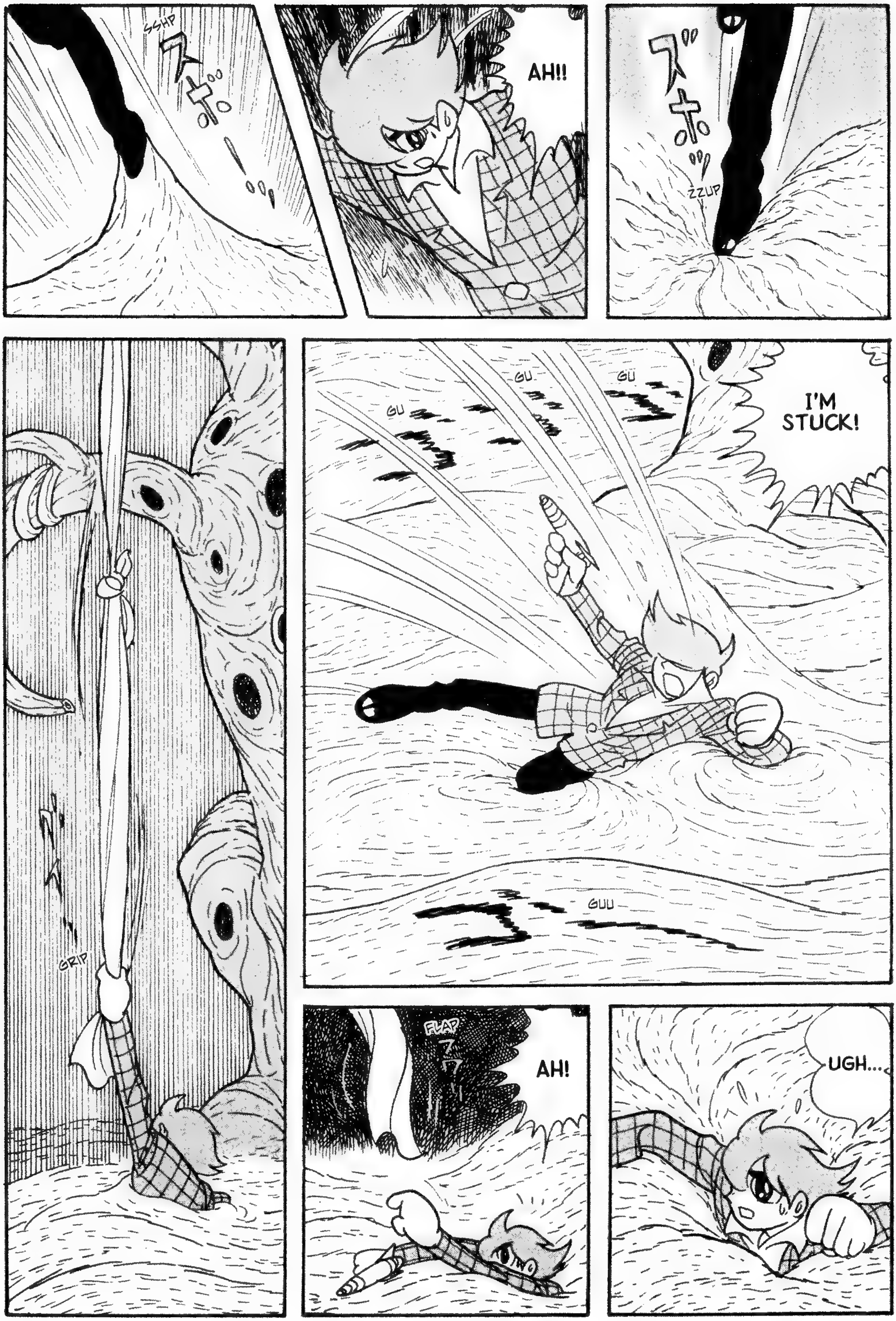

HMM, QUITE THE LAVISH PAD!
AND SOME HIP COMPANY.
?
WSP WSP
ヒソヒソ
TURN
クルッ

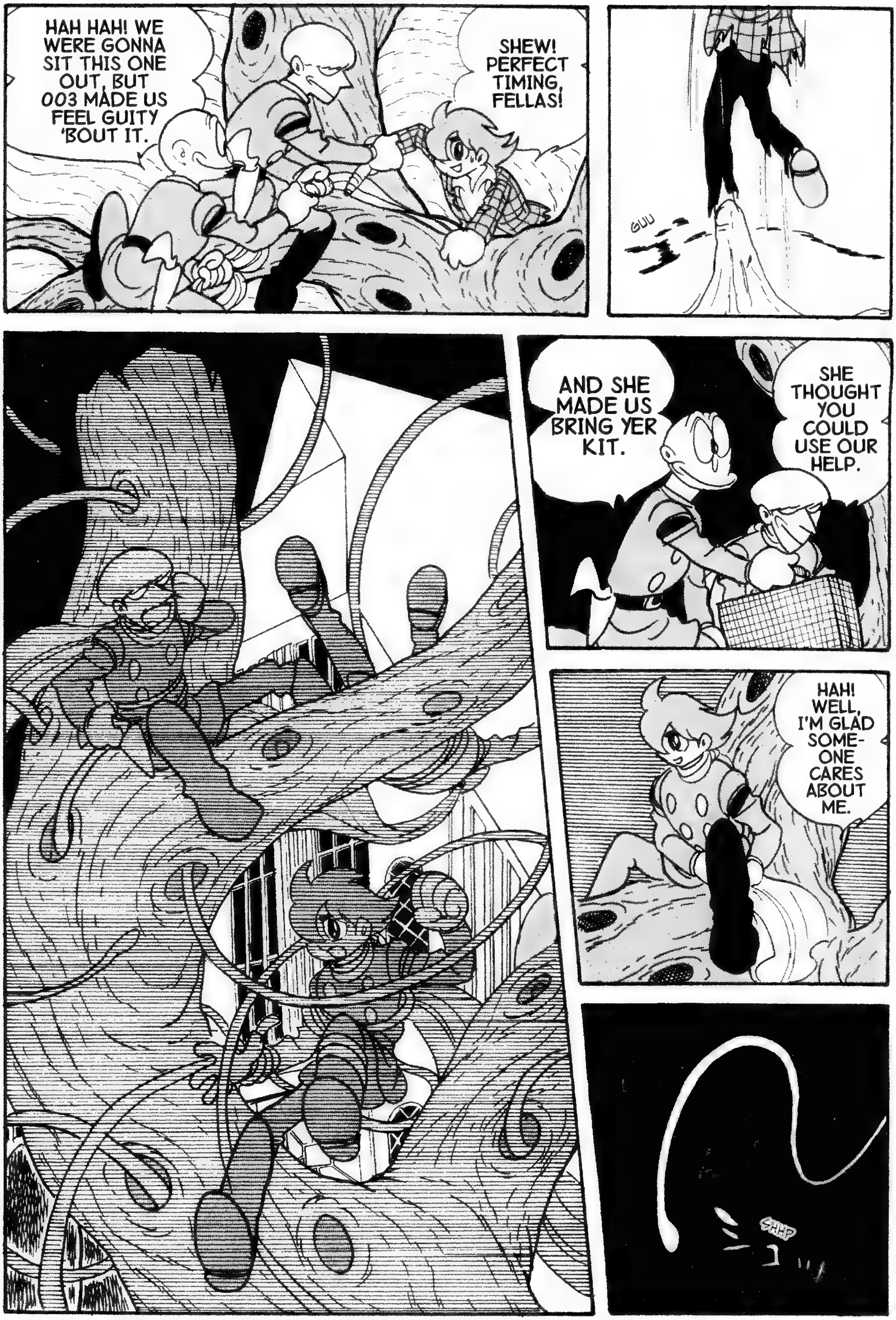

...THEY'RE THE OTHER ENEMY 001 REFERRED TO.
THAT MUST MEAN...
MORE LIKE THEIR CASING OUT THE JOINT.
THEY DON'T LOOK FRIENDLY.
プルル
VRRM
I FEEL LIKE I'M CRASHING A PARTY.
HMM...

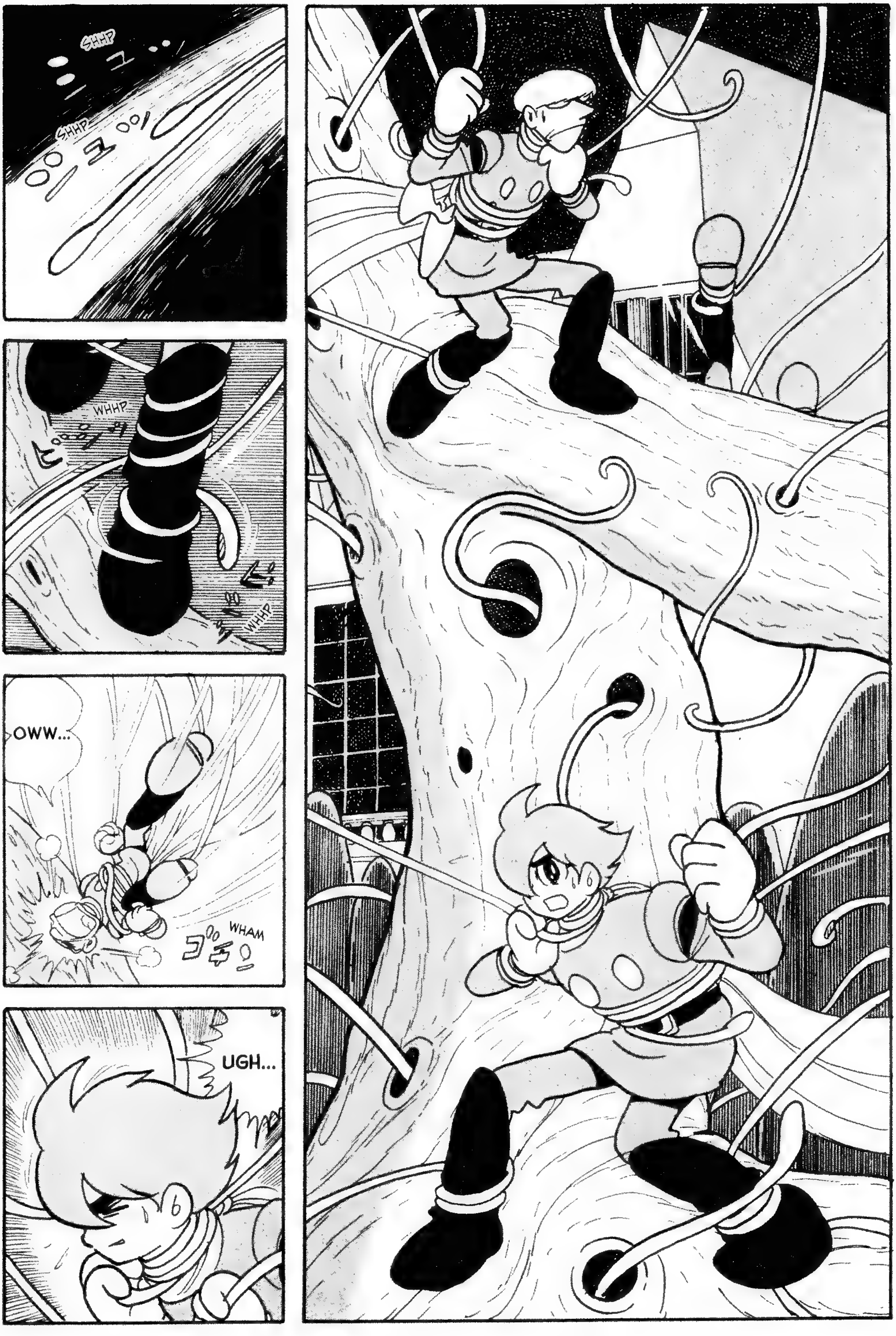

IS ANYONE HOME?
THAT SEEMED WAY TOO EASY.
HUH?
ZZAP
AGGGGH!
THE HIGH SOCIETY WEL-COME MAT.
BOOBY TRAPS.
FSS
WHOA!

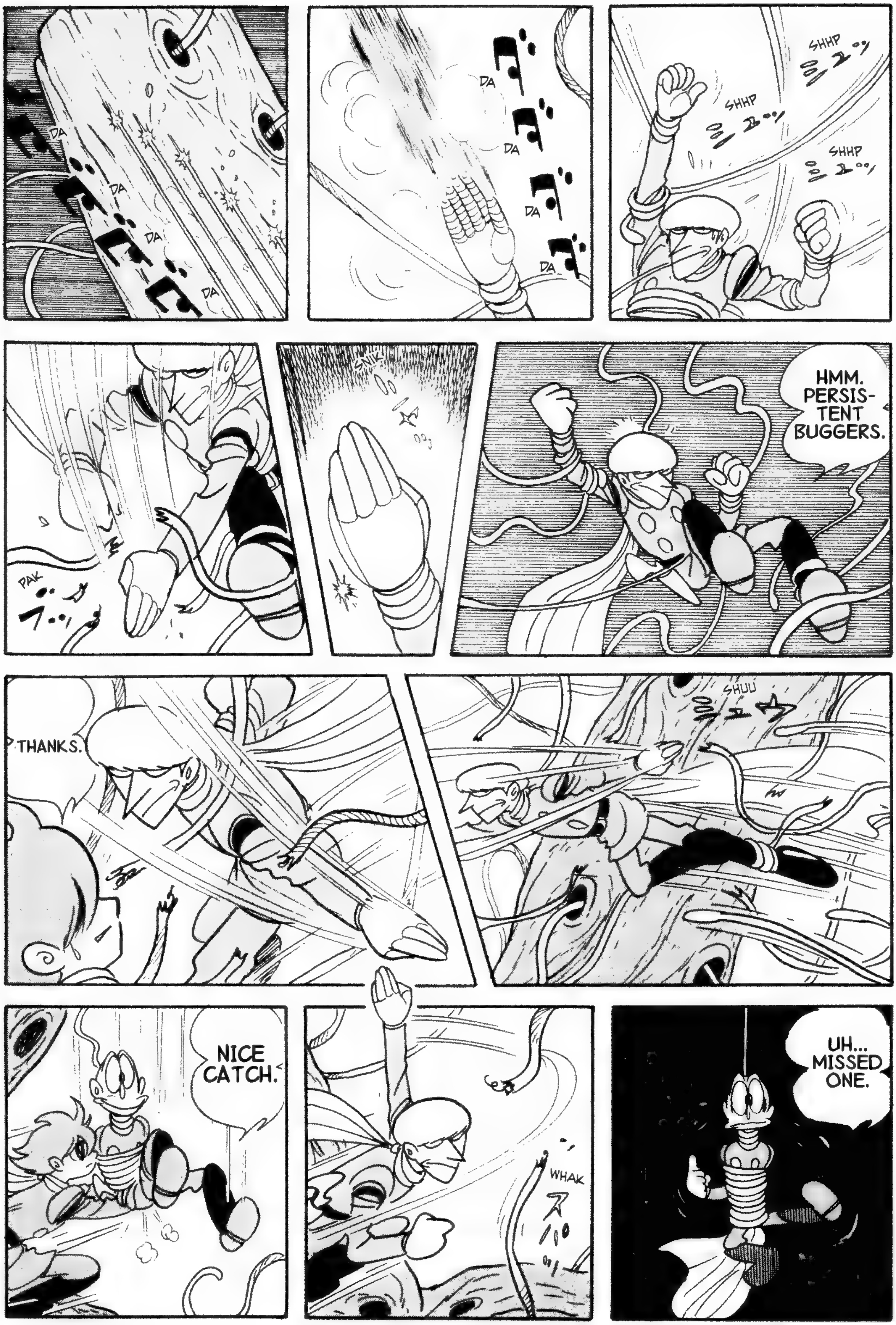

ZZAP
I WONDER HOW THE BOYS IN BLACK ARE FAIRING.
SSH
HMM... IT'S TOO QUIET.
ALL RIGHT!
THEY'RE GONE!
MUSTA MADE IT INSIDE.

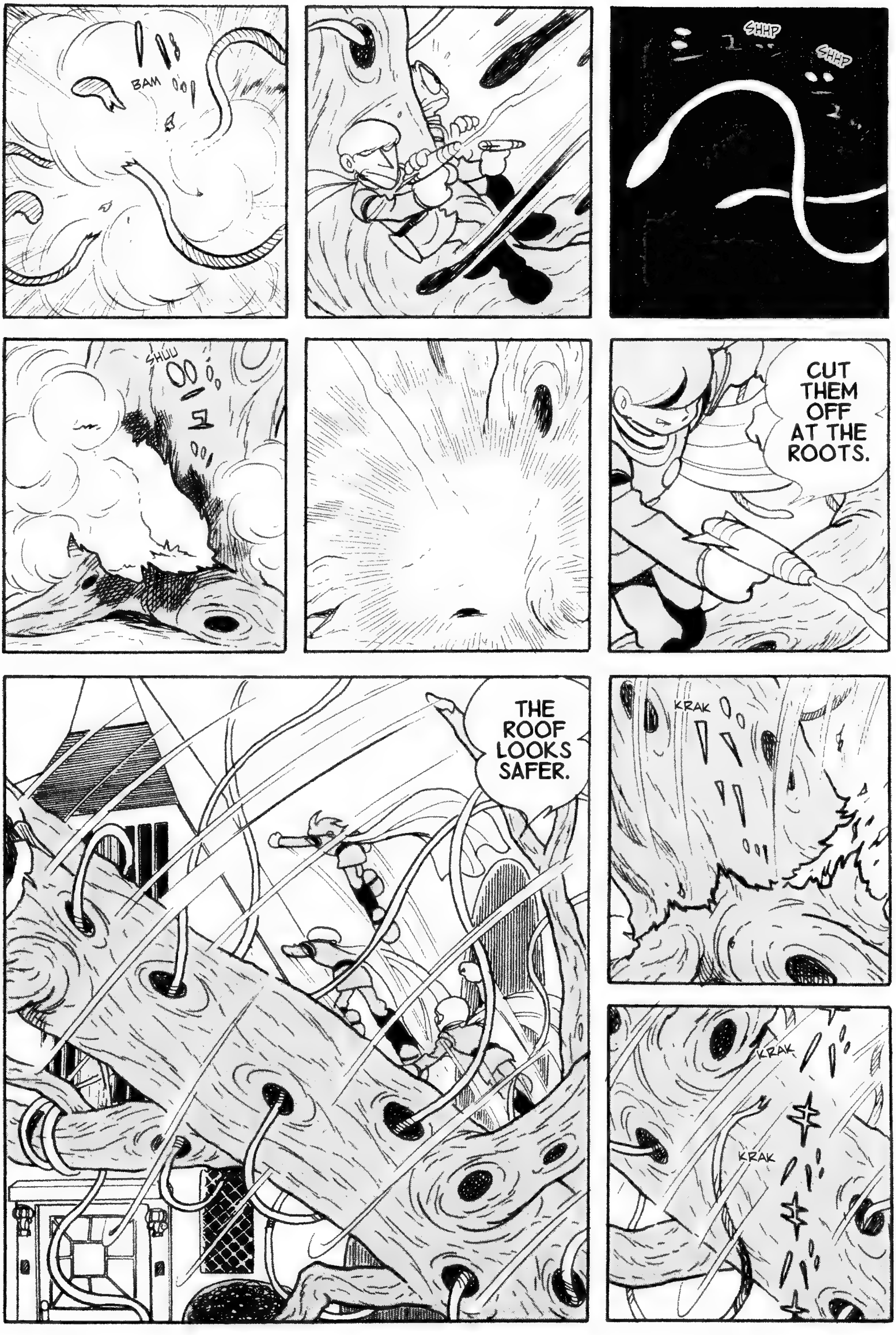


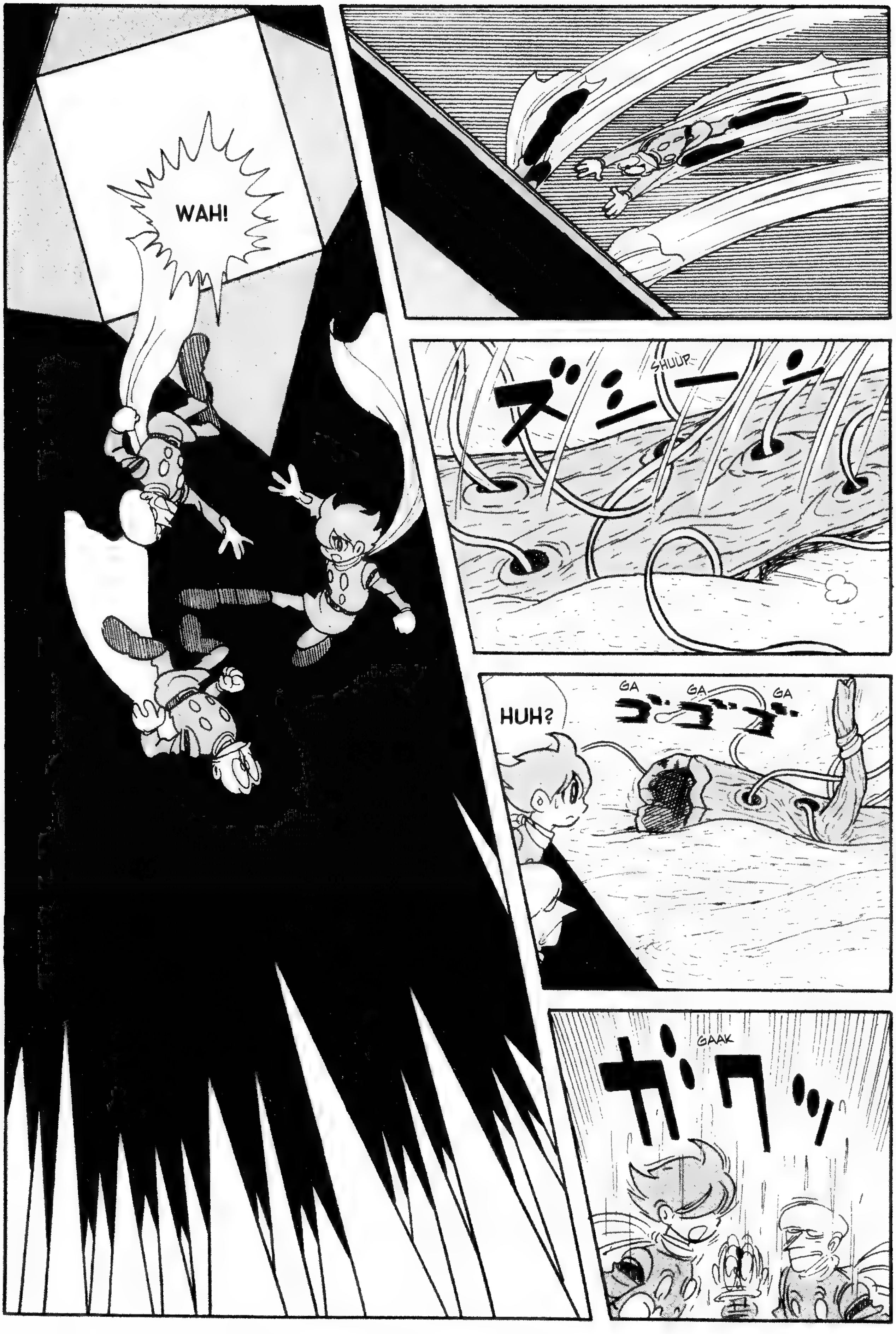

SSHP
ズボッ
AH!!
ズボッ
ZZUP
GRIP
GU
GU
GU
I'M STUCK!
GUU
FLAP
AH!
UGH...

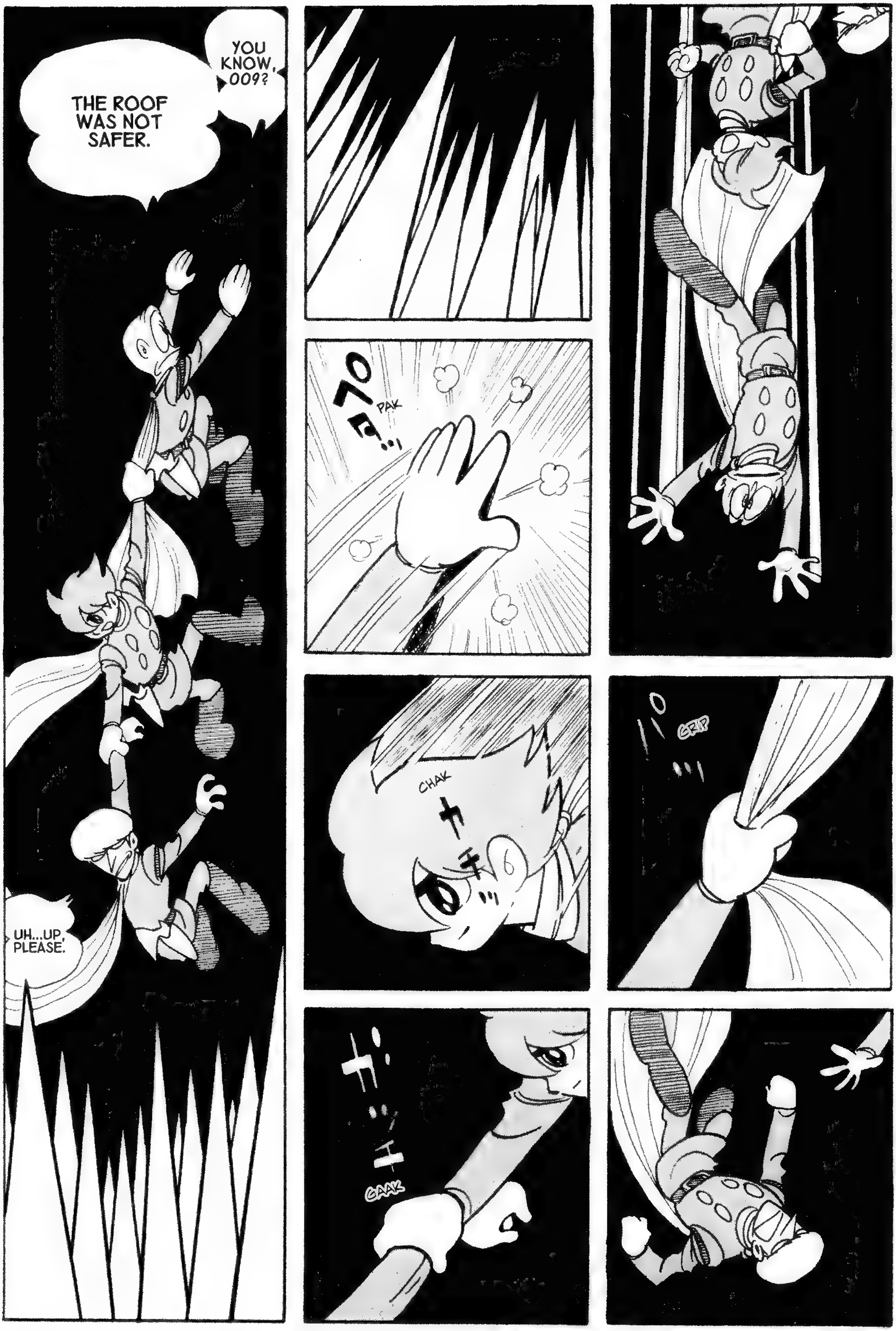

GUU
SHEW! PERFECT TIMING, FELLAS!
HAH HAH! WE WERE GONNA SIT THIS ONE OUT, BUT 003 MADE US FEEL GUITY 'BOUT IT.
SHE THOUGHT YOU COULD USE OUR HELP.
AND SHE MADE US BRING YER KIT.
HAH! WELL, I'M GLAD SOMEONE CARES ABOUT ME.
SHHP

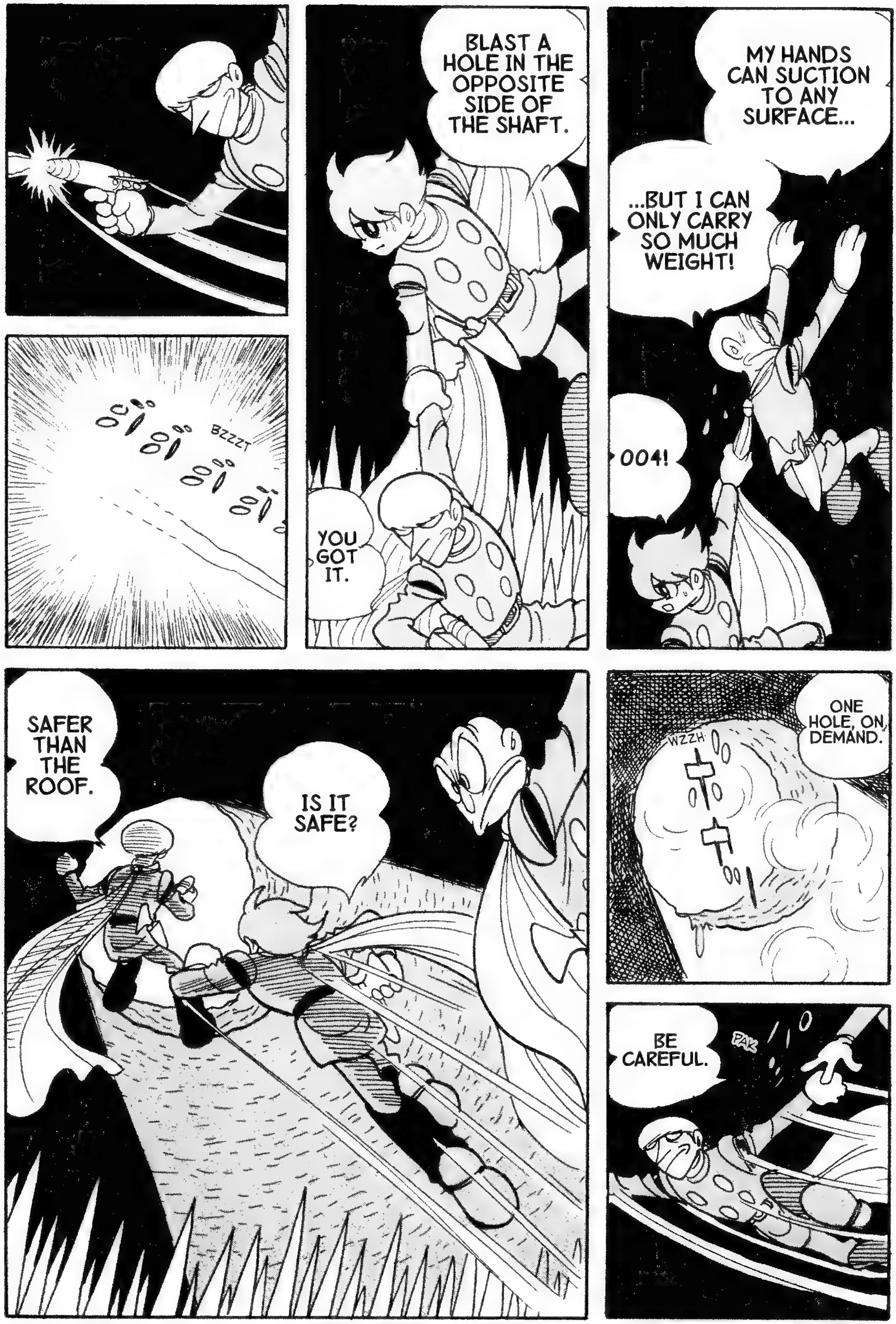

SHHP
SHHP
WHHP
WHHP
OWW...
WHAM
UGH...

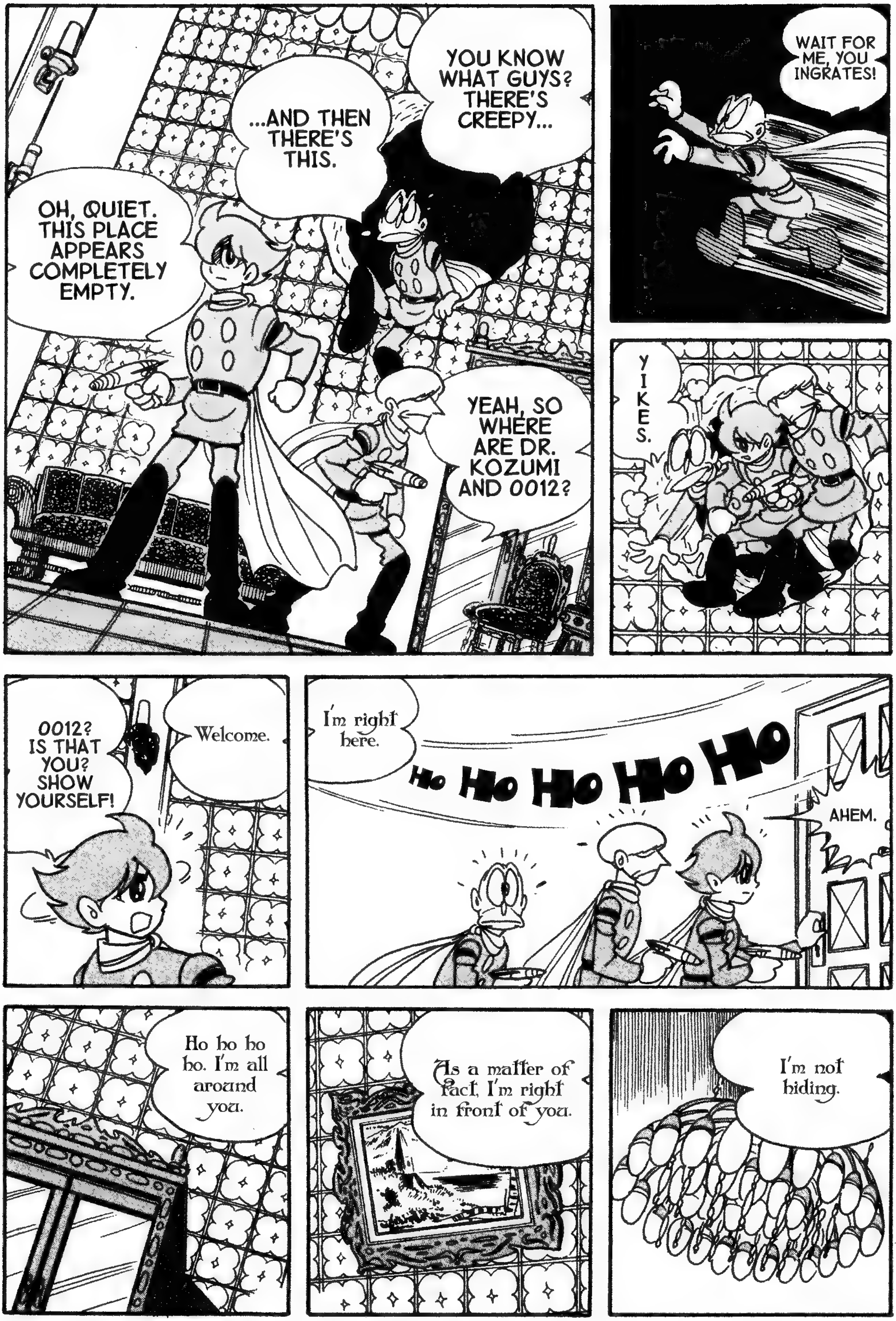

SHHP
SHHP
SHHP
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
HMM. PERSISTENT BUGGERS.
SNIK
PAK
SHUU
THANKS.
UH... MISSED ONE.
WHAK
NICE CATCH.

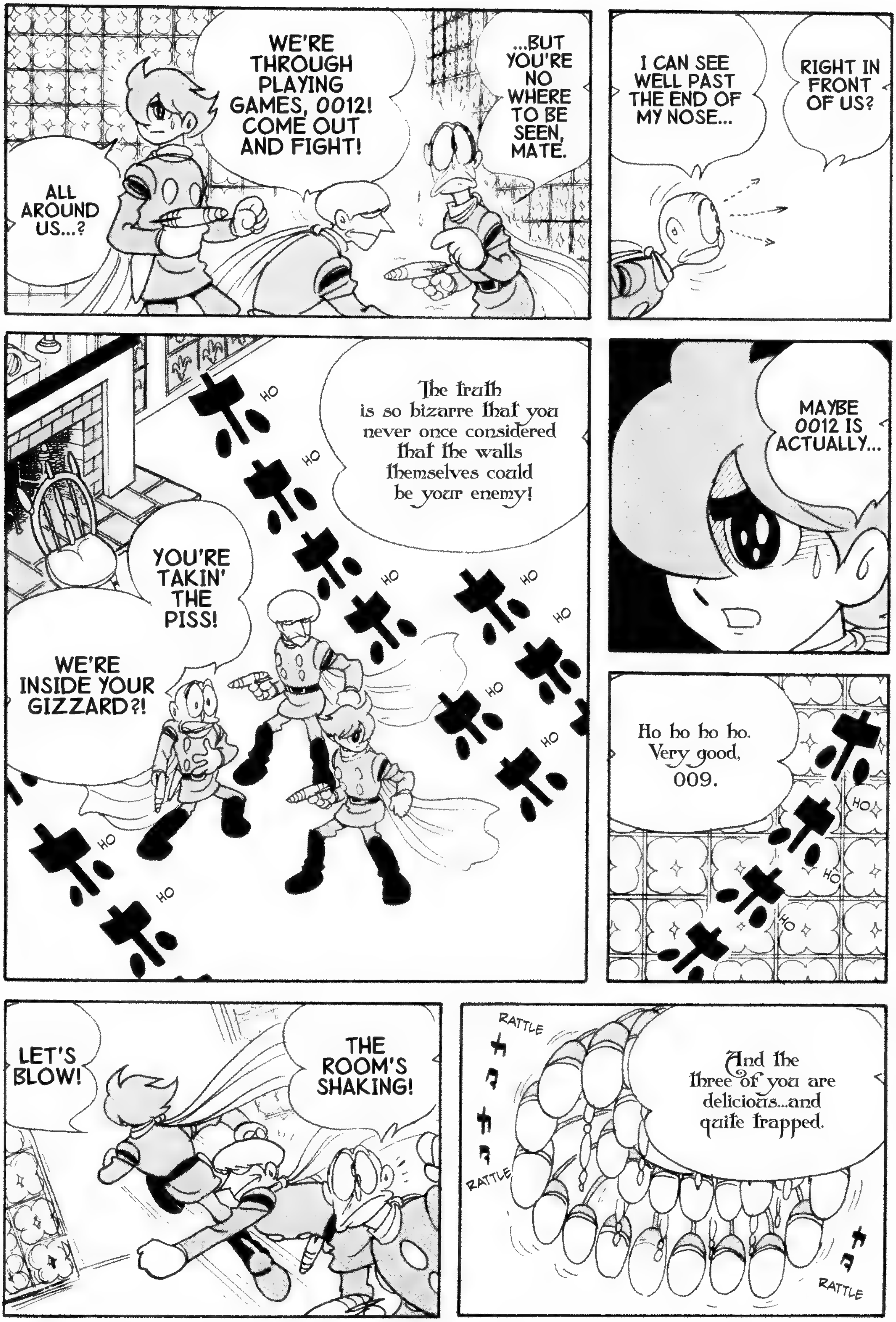

BAM
SHHP
SHHP
SHUU
CUT THEM OFF AT THE ROOTS.
THE ROOF LOOKS SAFER.
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

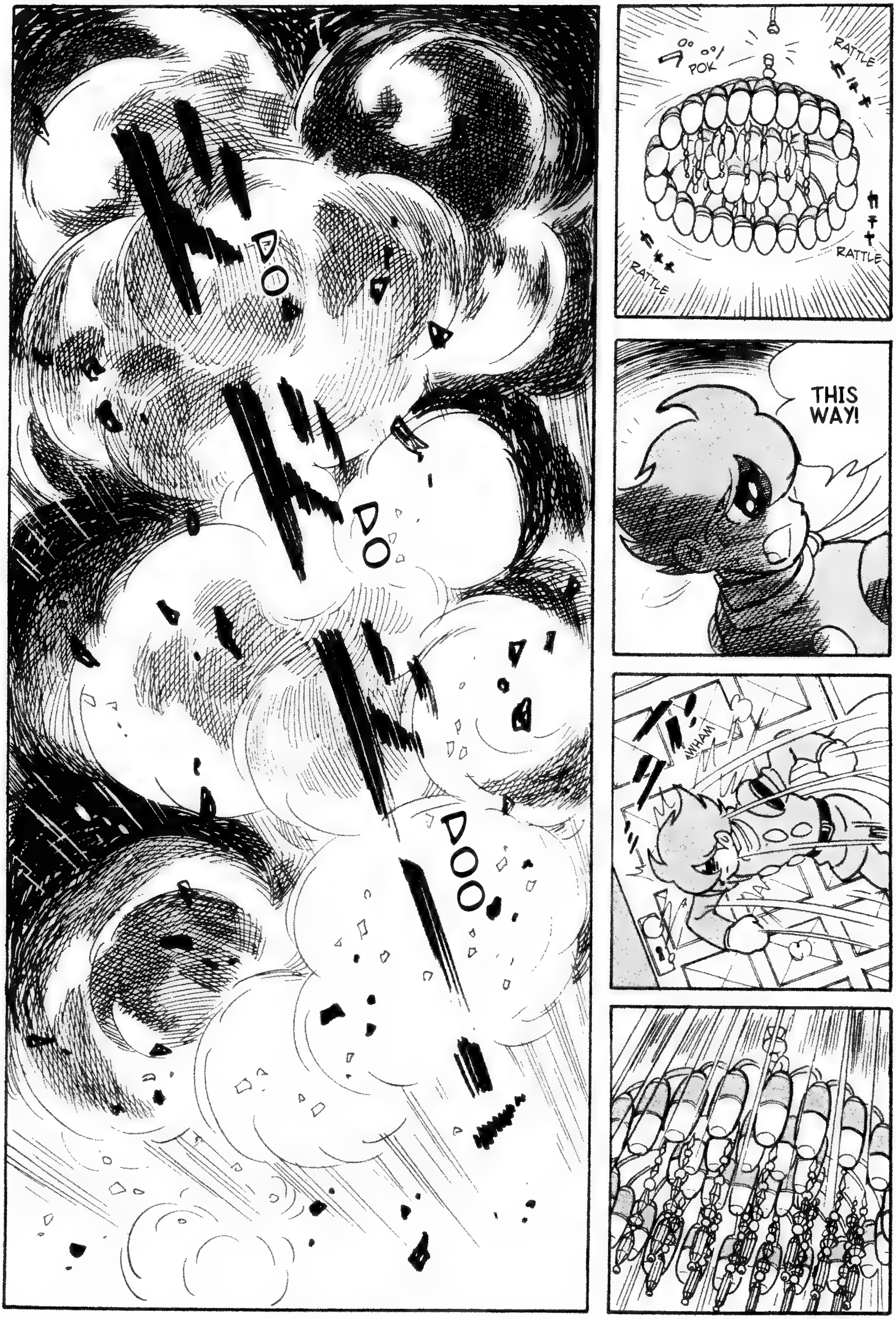

WAH!
SHUUP
ズシーン
HUH?
GA GA GA
ゴゴゴ
GAAK
ガクッ

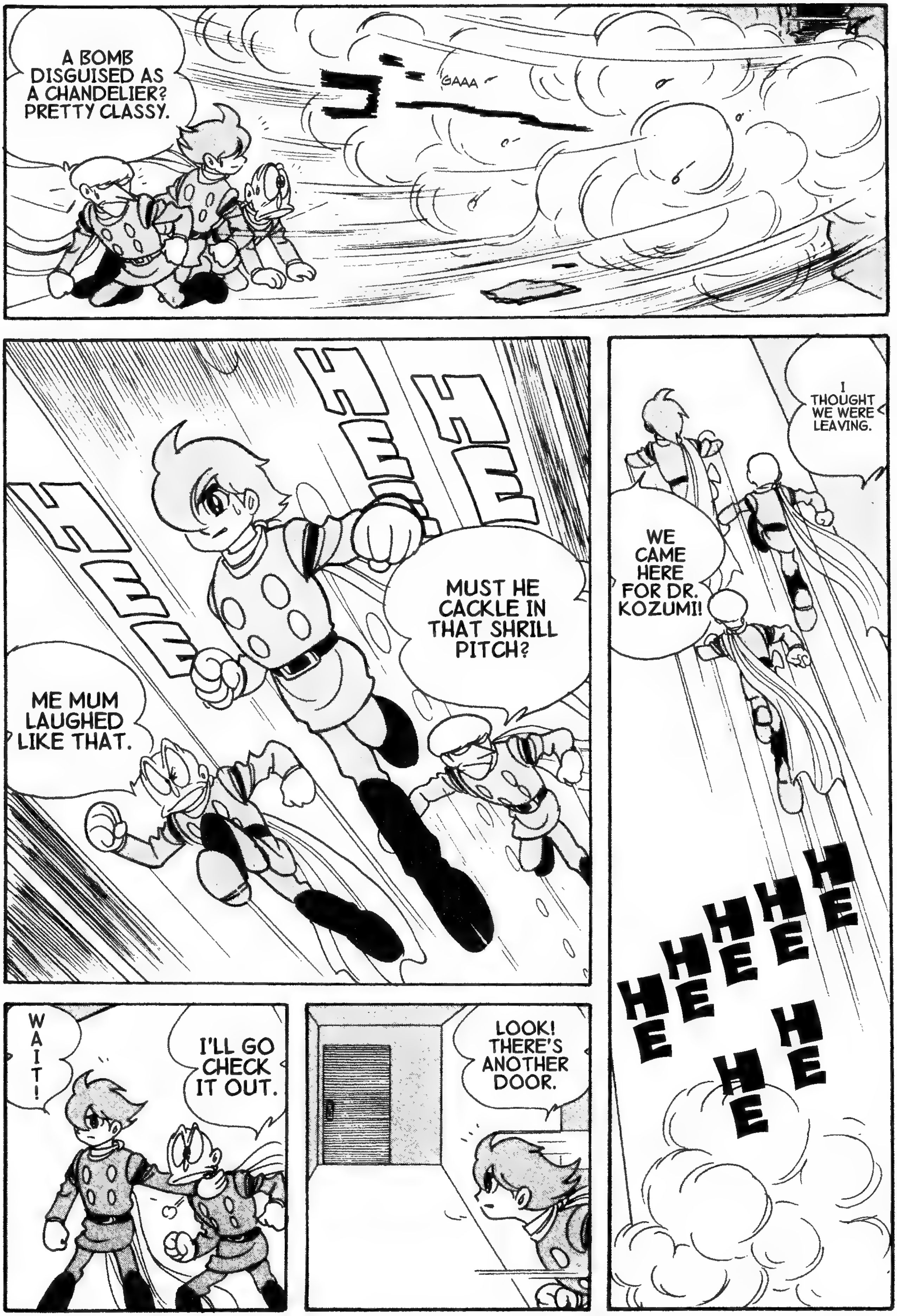

PAK
GRP
CHAK
GAAK
YOU KNOW, 009?
THE ROOF WAS NOT SAFER.
UH...UP PLEASE.

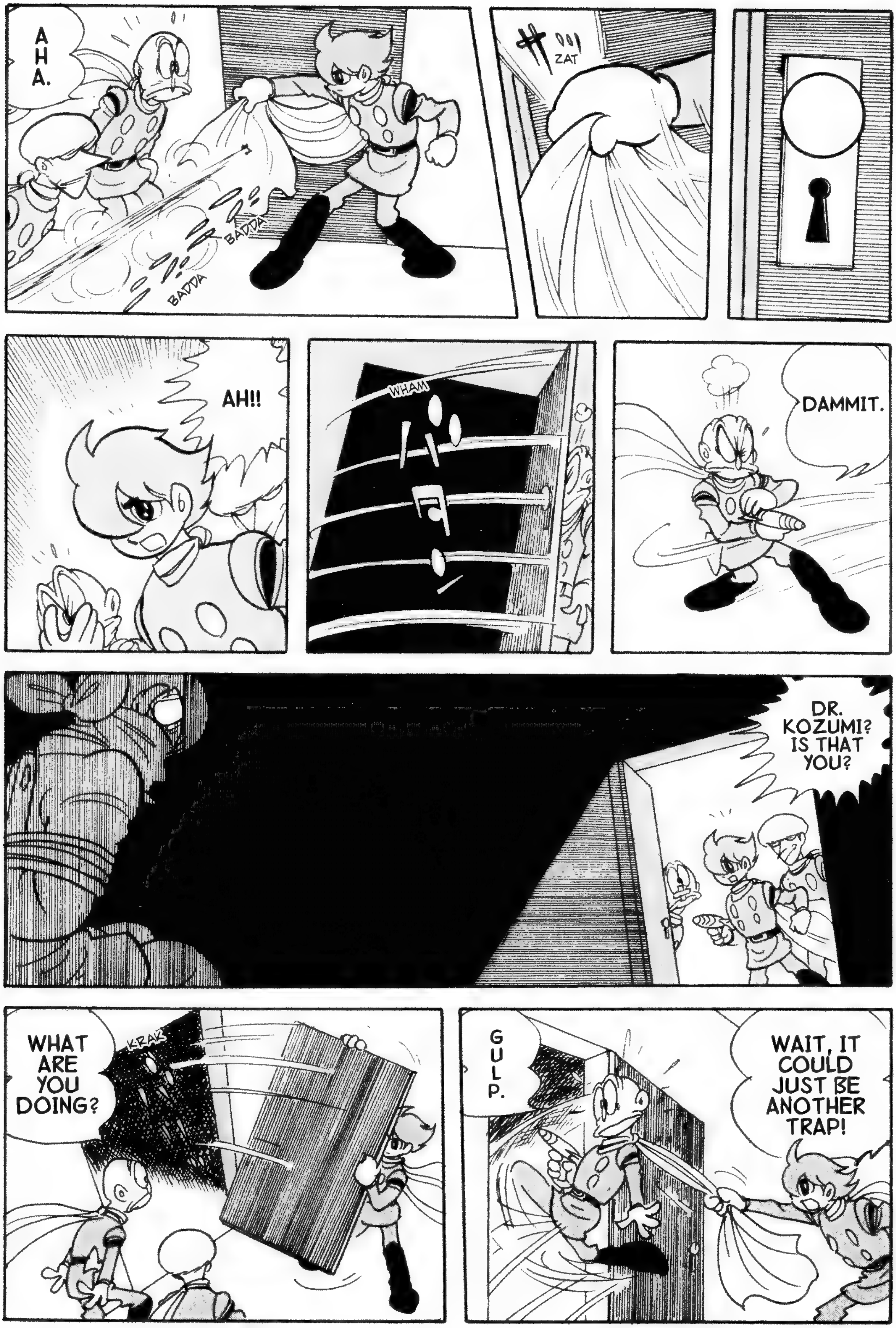

BLAST A HOLE IN THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SHAFT.
YOU GOT IT.
BZZZT
MY HANDS CAN SUCTION TO ANY SURFACE...
...BUT I CAN ONLY CARRY SO MUCH WEIGHT!
004!
ONE HOLE, ON DEMAND.
WZZH
BE CAREFUL.
PAK
IS IT SAFE?
SAFER THAN THE ROOF.

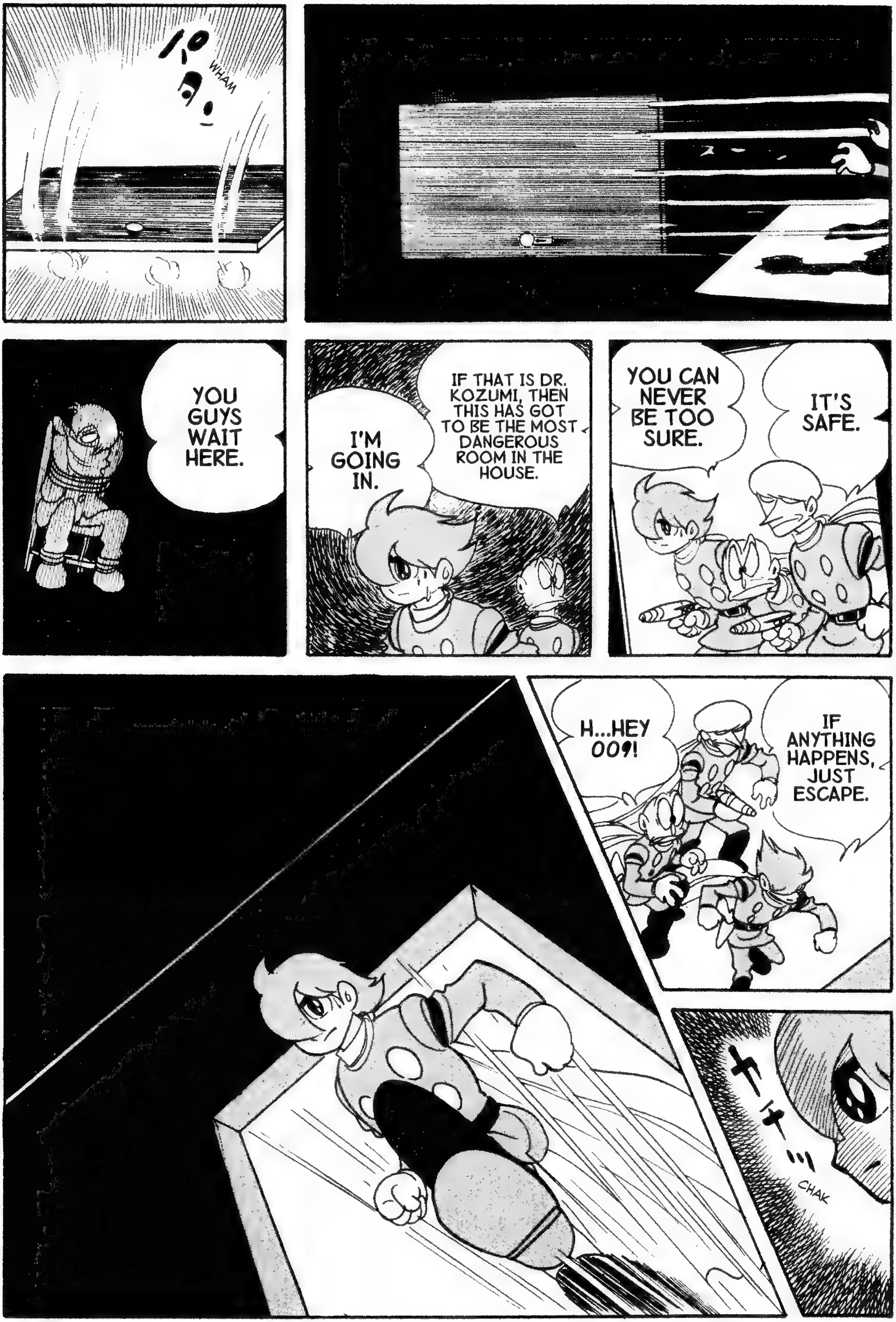

YOU KNOW WHAT GUYS? THERE'S CREEPY...
...AND THEN THERE'S THIS.
OH, QUIET. THIS PLACE APPEARS COMPLETELY EMPTY.
YEAH, SO WHERE ARE DR. KOZUMI AND 0012?
WAIT FOR ME, YOU INGRATES!
YIKES.
Welcome.
0012? IS THAT YOU? SHOW YOURSELF!
I'm right here.
HO HO HO HO HO
AHEM.
Ho ho ho ho. I'm all around you.
As a matter of fact, I'm right in front of you.
I'm not hiding.

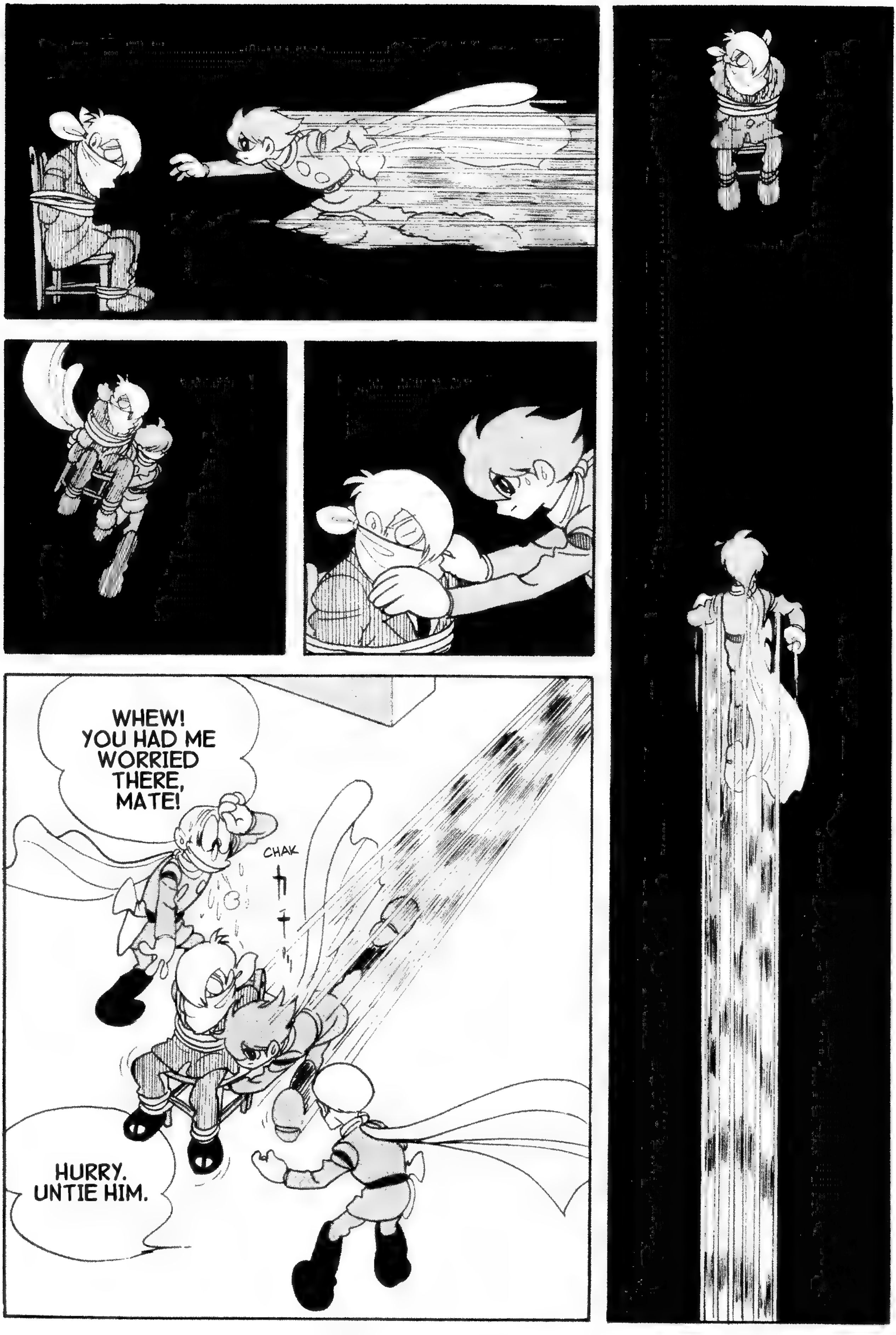

WE'RE THROUGH PLAYING GAMES, 0012! COME OUT AND FIGHT!
...BUT YOU'RE NO WHERE TO BE SEEN, MATE.
ALL AROUND US...?
I CAN SEE WELL PAST THE END OF MY NOSE...
RIGHT IN FRONT OF US?
MAYBE 0012 IS ACTUALLY...
Ho ho ho ho. Very good, 009.
HO HO HO
The truth is so bizarre that you never once considered that the walls themselves could be your enemy!
YOU'RE TAKIN' THE PISS!
WE'RE INSIDE YOUR GIZZARD?!
HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO
And the three of you are delicious...and quite trapped.
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
THE ROOM'S SHAKING!
LET'S BLOW!

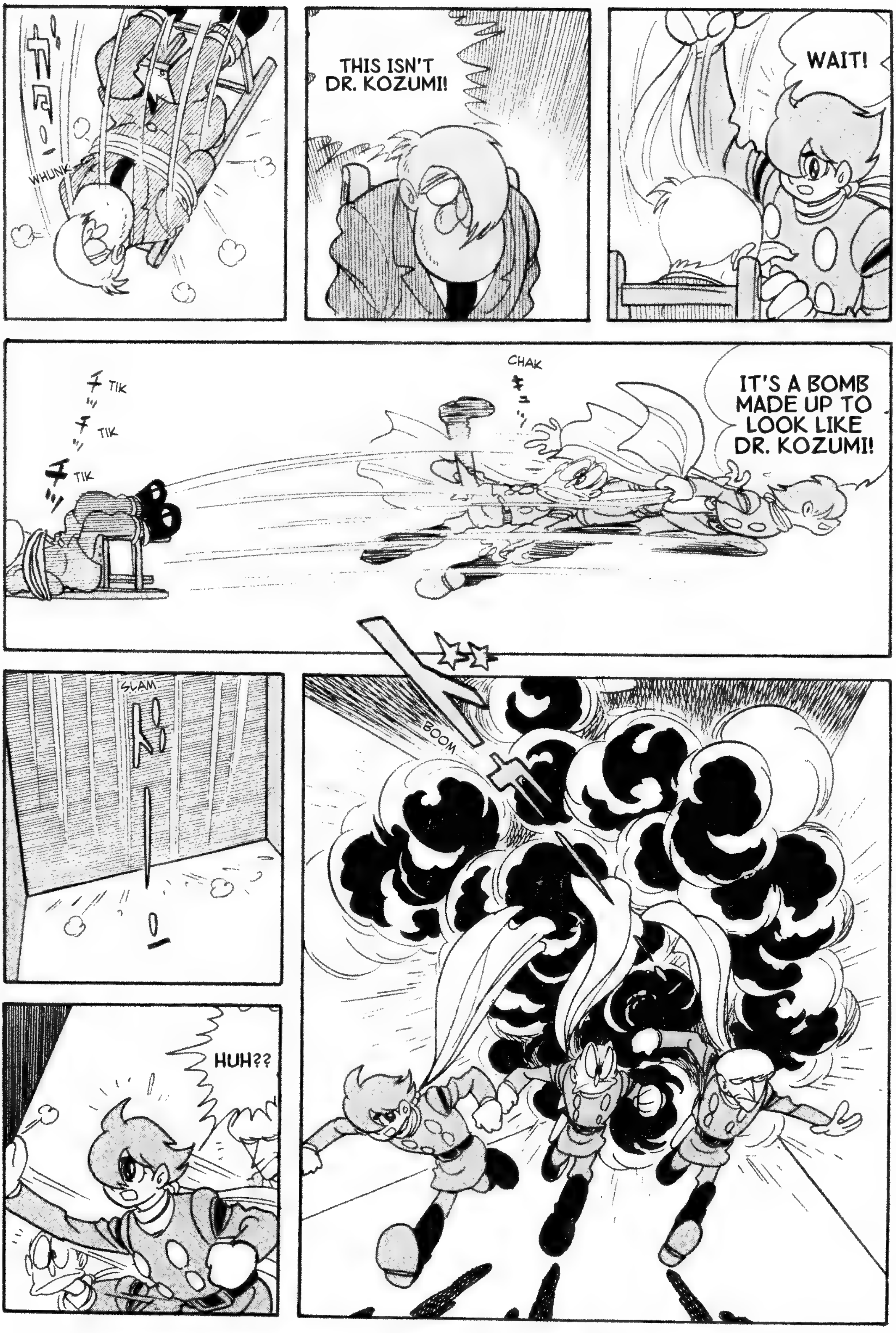

DO
DO
DOO
POK
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THIS WAY!
WHAM

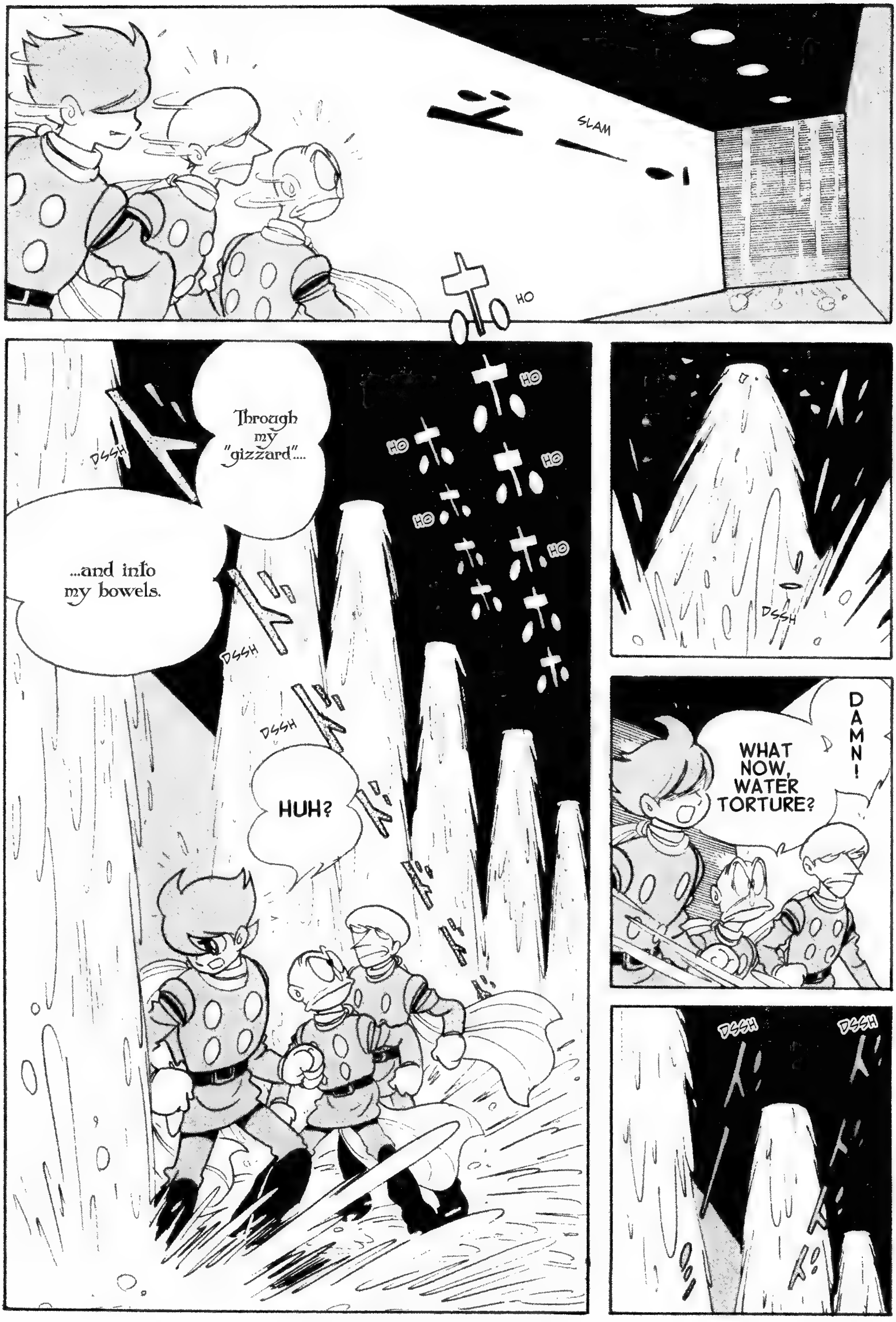

A BOMB DISGUISED AS A CHANDELIER? PRETTY CLASSY.
GAAA
HE HE HE HE
MUST HE CACKLE IN THAT SHRILL PITCH?
ME MUM LAUGHED LIKE THAT.
I THOUGHT WE WERE LEAVING.
WE CAME HERE FOR DR. KOZUMI!
HE HE HE HE HE HE HE
LOOK! THERE'S ANOTHER DOOR.
I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.
WAIT!

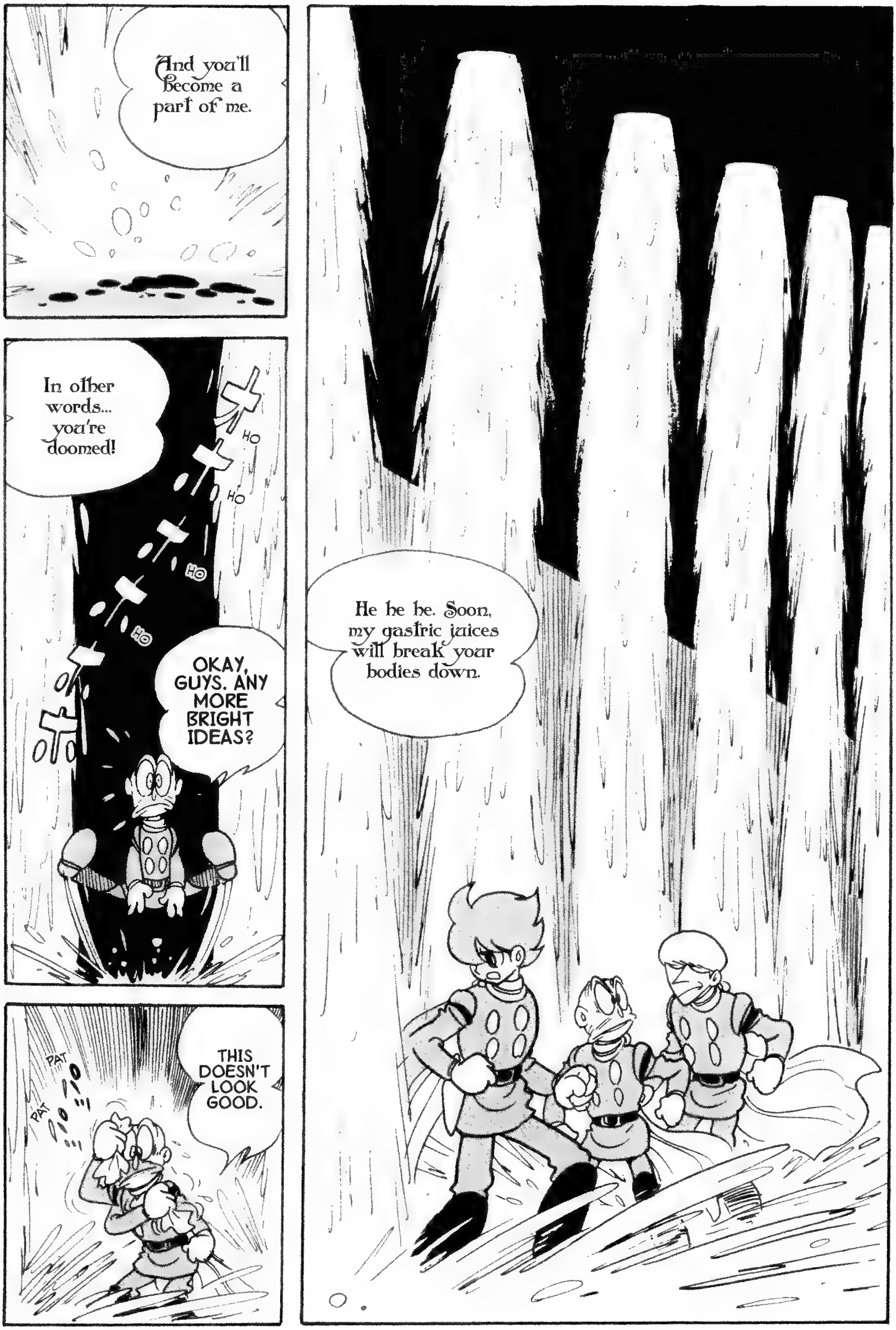

AHA.
BADDA
BADDA
ZAT
AH!!
WHAM
DAMMIT.
DR. KOZUMI? IS THAT YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
KRAK
GULP.
WAIT, IT COULD JUST BE ANOTHER TRAP!

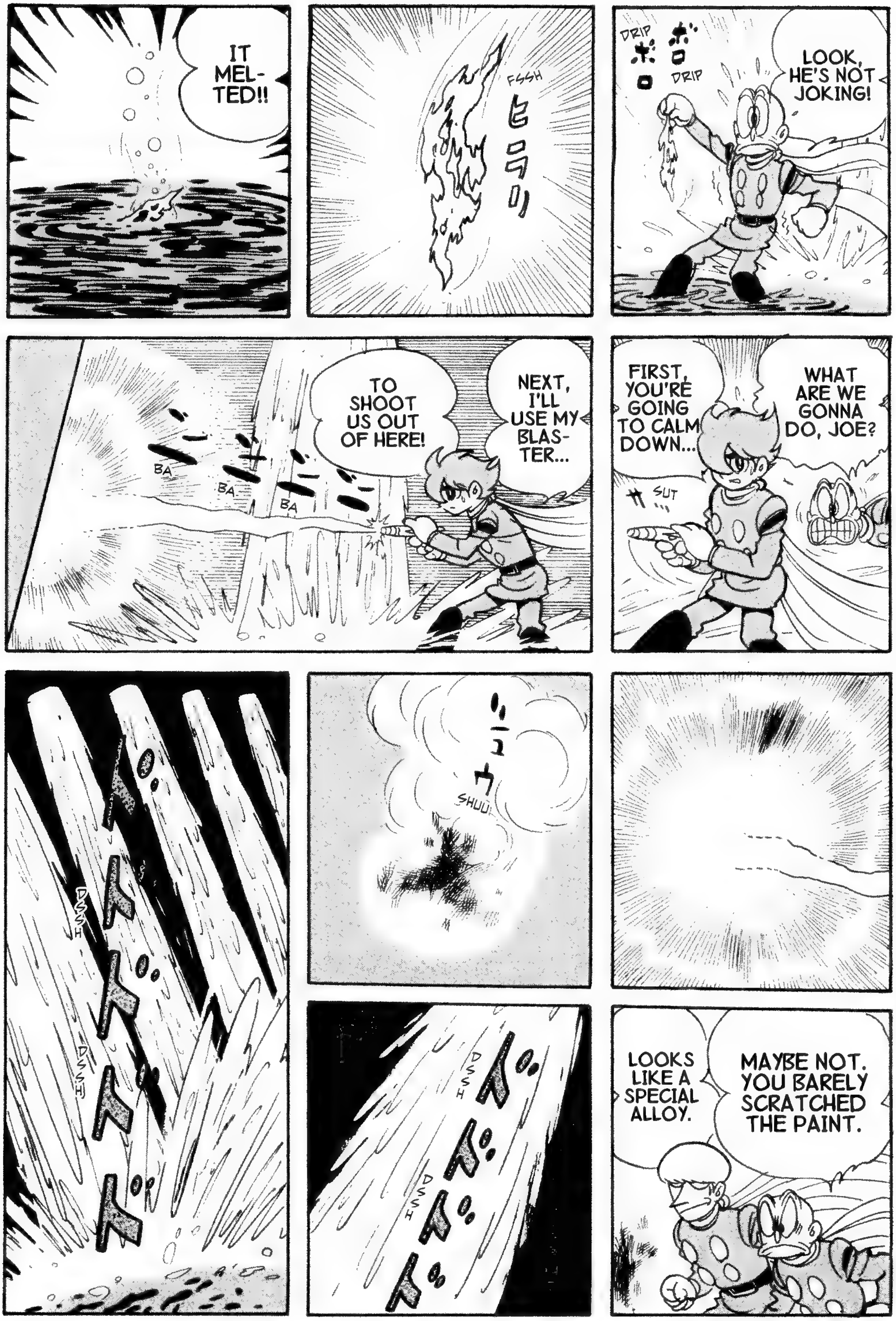

WHAM
IT'S SAFE.
YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO SURE.
IF THAT IS DR. KOZUMI, THEN THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE MOST DANGEROUS ROOM IN THE HOUSE.
I'M GOING IN.
YOU GUYS WAIT HERE.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, JUST ESCAPE.
H...HEY 009!
CHAK

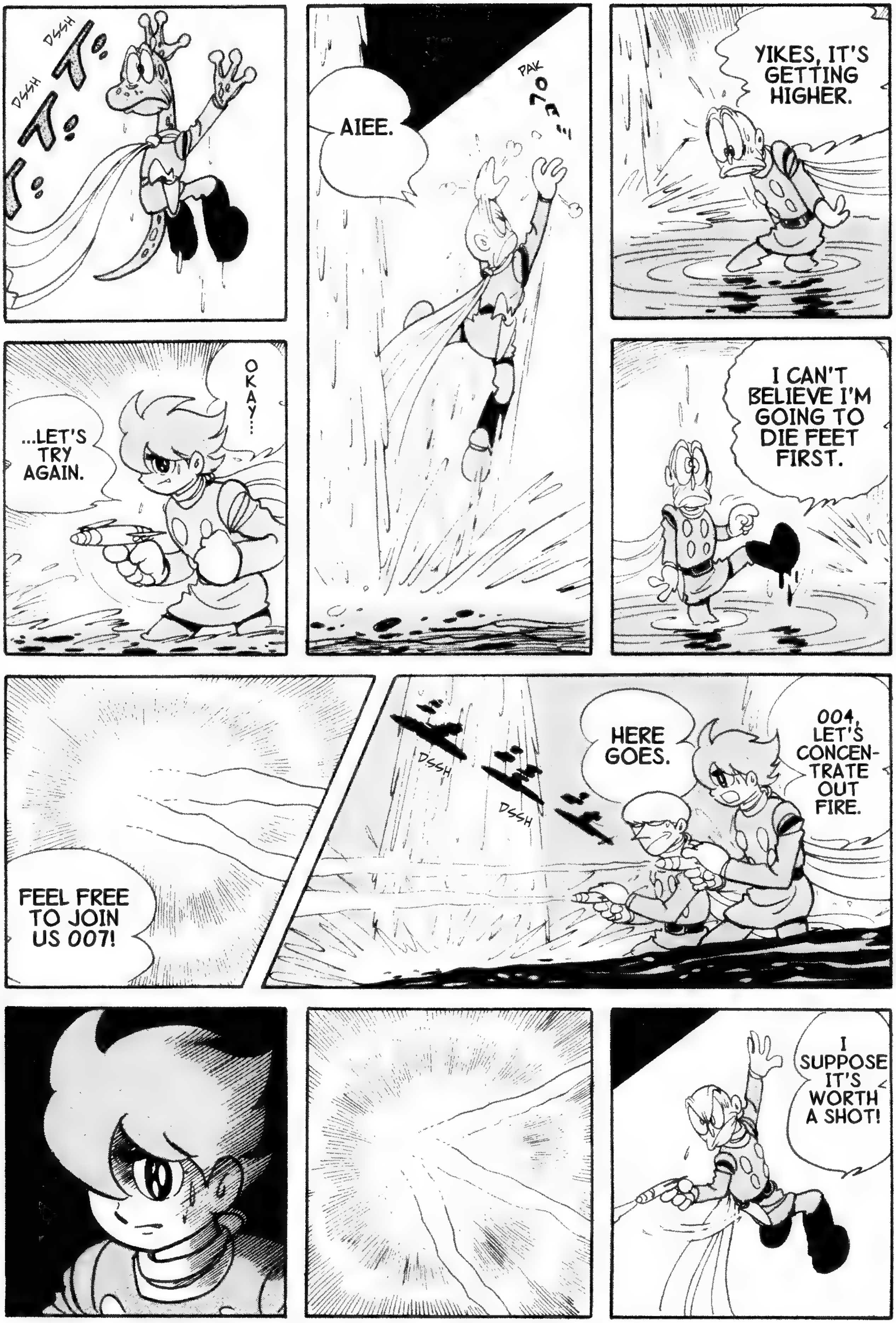

WHEW! YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE, MATE!
CHAK
カチ
HURRY. UNTIE HIM.

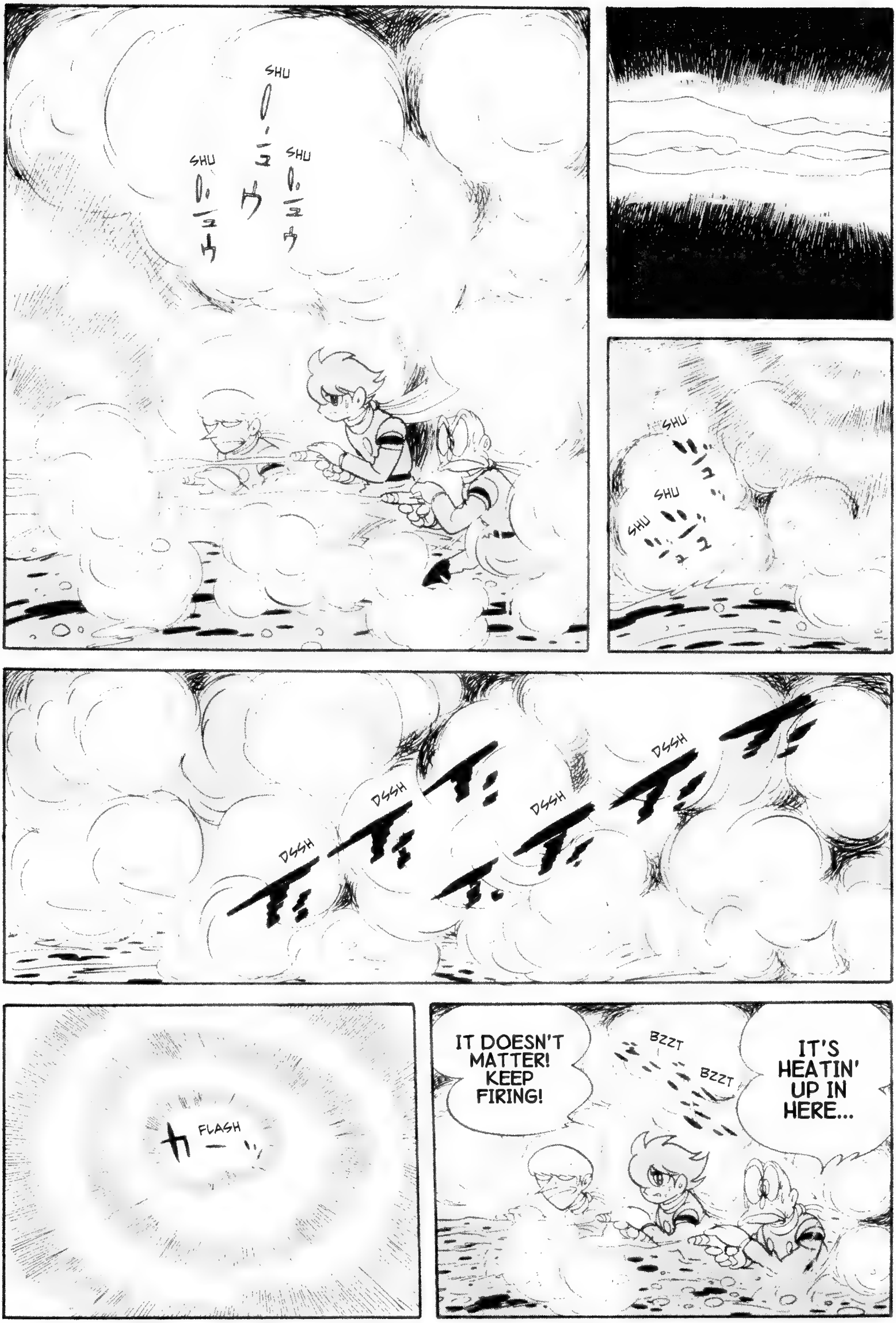

WHUNK
THIS ISN'T DR. KOZUMI!
WAIT!
チッ TIK
チッ TIK
チッ TIK
キュ CHAK
IT'S A BOMB MADE UP TO LOOK LIKE DR. KOZUMI!
ドッ SLAM
BOOM
HUH??


SLAM
HO
HO
HO
HO
HO
HO
Through my "gizzard"....
...and into my bowels.
DSSH
DSSH
DSSH
HUH?
DSSH
WHAT NOW, WATER TORTURE?
DAMN!
DSSH
DSSH


And you'll become a part of me.
In other words... you're doomed!
HO
HO
HO
HO
OKAY, GUYS. ANY MORE BRIGHT IDEAS?
PAT
PAT
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
He he he. Soon, my gastric juices will break your bodies down.


LOOK, HE'S NOT JOKING!
ポロ DRIP DRIP
ヒラリ FSSH
IT MELTED!!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, JOE?
FIRST, YOU'RE GOING TO CALM DOWN...
サッ SUT
NEXT, I'LL USE MY BLASTER...
TO SHOOT US OUT OF HERE!
BA BA BA
シュウ SHUU
ドッ ドッ ドッ ドッ DSSH DSSH
ドッ ドッ ドッ DSSH DSSH
MAYBE NOT. YOU BARELY SCRATCHED THE PAINT.
LOOKS LIKE A SPECIAL ALLOY.


YIKES, IT'S GETTING HIGHER.
PAK
AIEE.
DSSH
DSSH
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING TO DIE FEET FIRST.
OKAY...
...LET'S TRY AGAIN.
004, LET'S CONCENTRATE OUT FIRE.
HERE GOES.
DSSH
DSSH
FEEL FREE TO JOIN US 007!
I SUPPOSE IT'S WORTH A SHOT!


SHU
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SHU
シュウ
シュウ
シュウ
DSSH
DSSH
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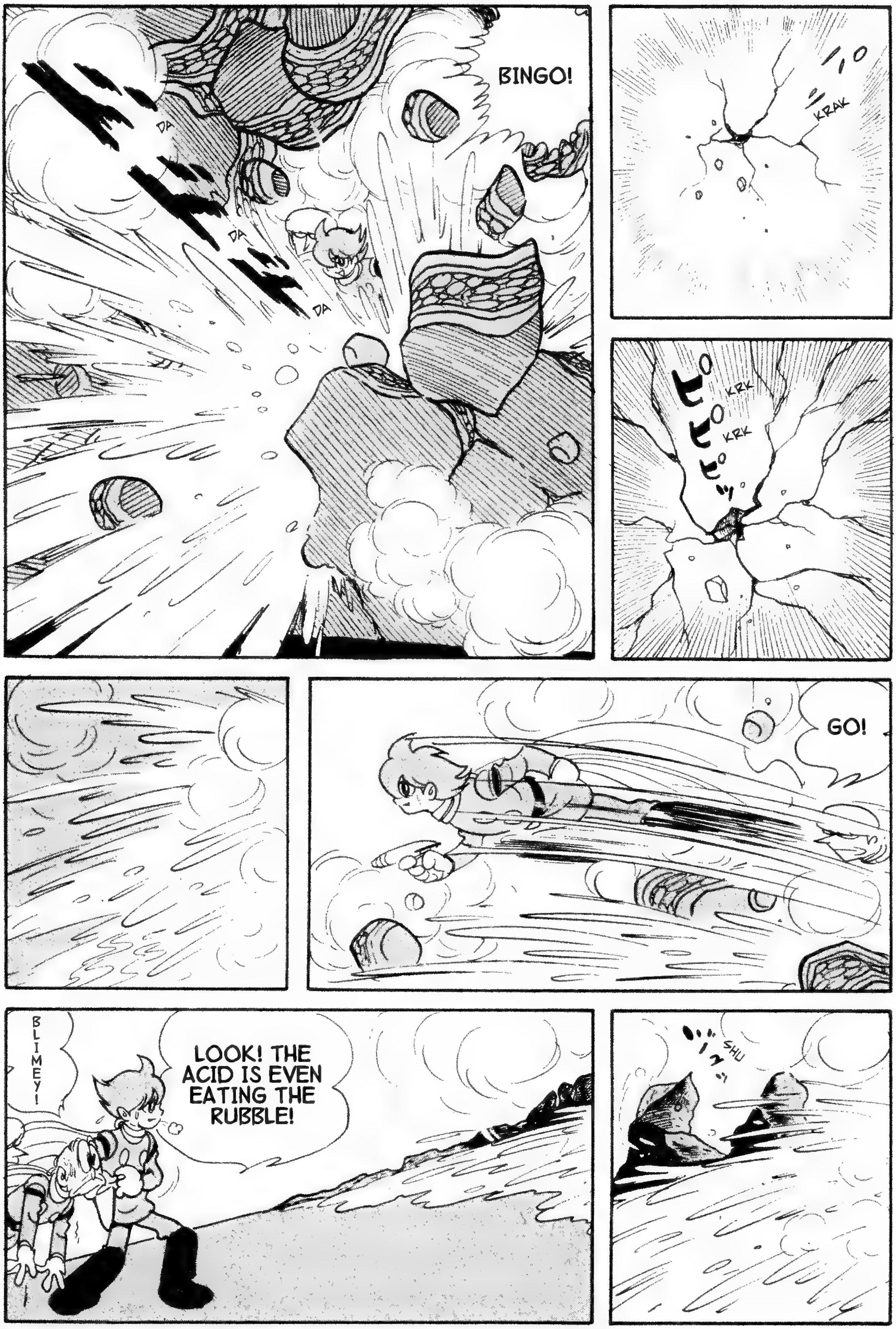
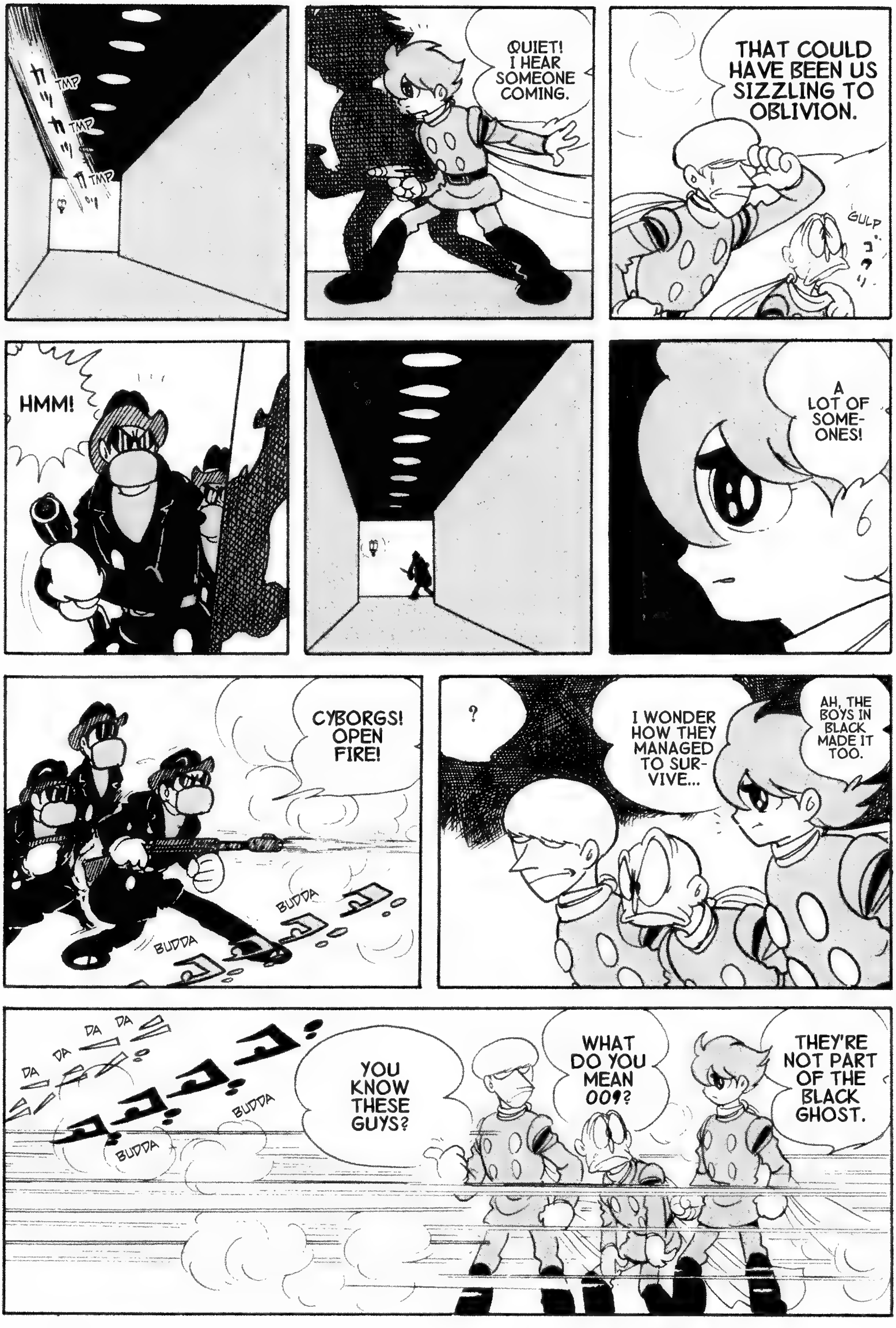
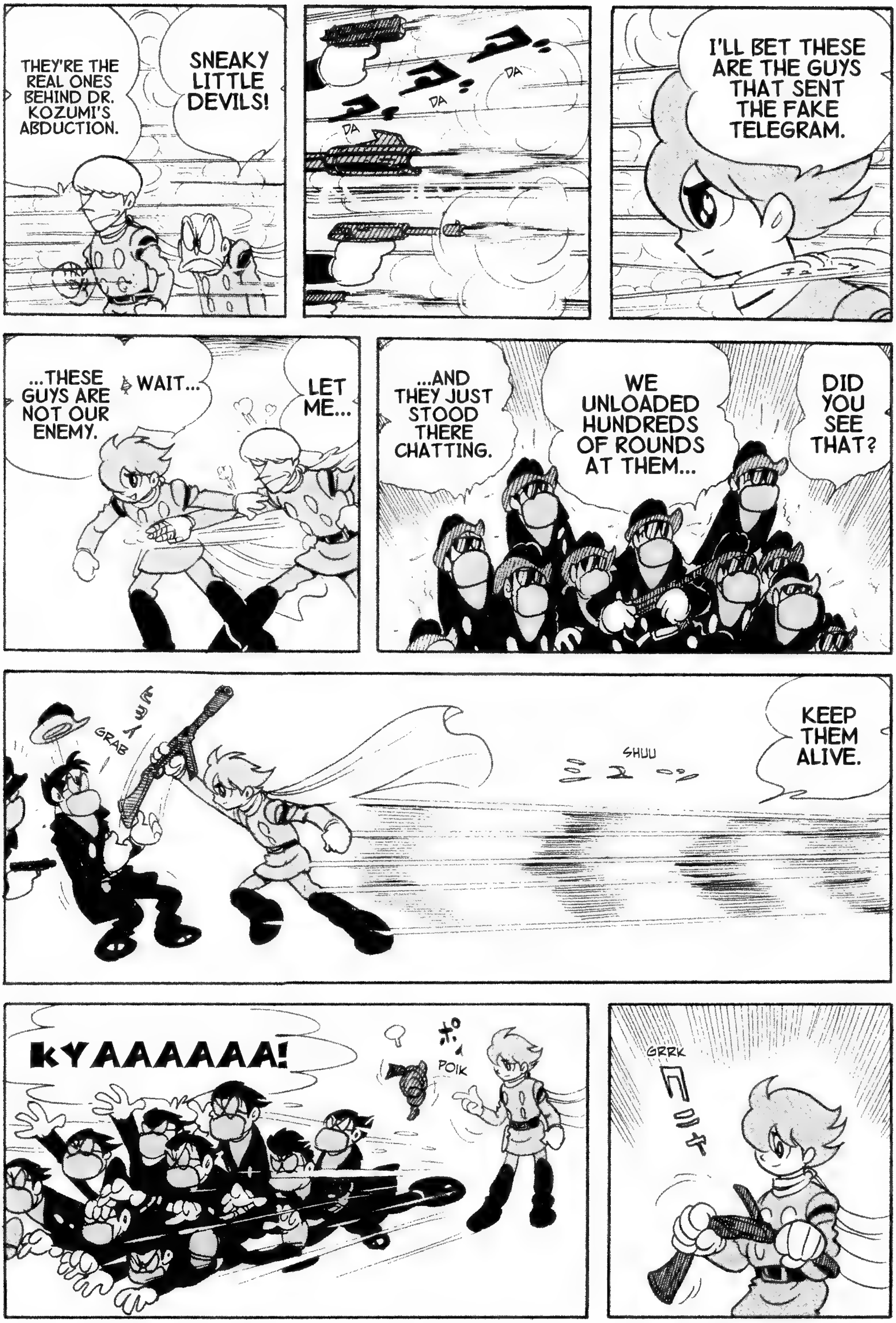
DSSH
IT'S HEATIN' UP IN HERE...
BZZT
BZZT
IT DOESN'T MATTER! KEEP FIRING!
FLASH
カッ


DA
DA
DA
BINGO!
KRAK
ピピピッ
KRK
KRK
GO!
BLIMEY!
LOOK! THE ACID IS EVEN EATING THE RUBBLE!
SHU


THAT COULD HAVE BEEN US SIZZLING TO OBLIVION.
GULP
QUIET! I HEAR SOMEONE COMING.
TMP
TMP
TMP
A LOT OF SOME-ONES!
HMM!
AH, THE BOYS IN BLACK MADE IT TOO.
I WONDER HOW THEY MANAGED TO SURVIVE...
?
CYBORGS! OPEN FIRE!
BUDDA
BUDDA
THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE BLACK GHOST.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 009?
YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?
BUDDA
BUDDA
DA DA DA DA


I'LL BET THESE ARE THE GUYS THAT SENT THE FAKE TELEGRAM.
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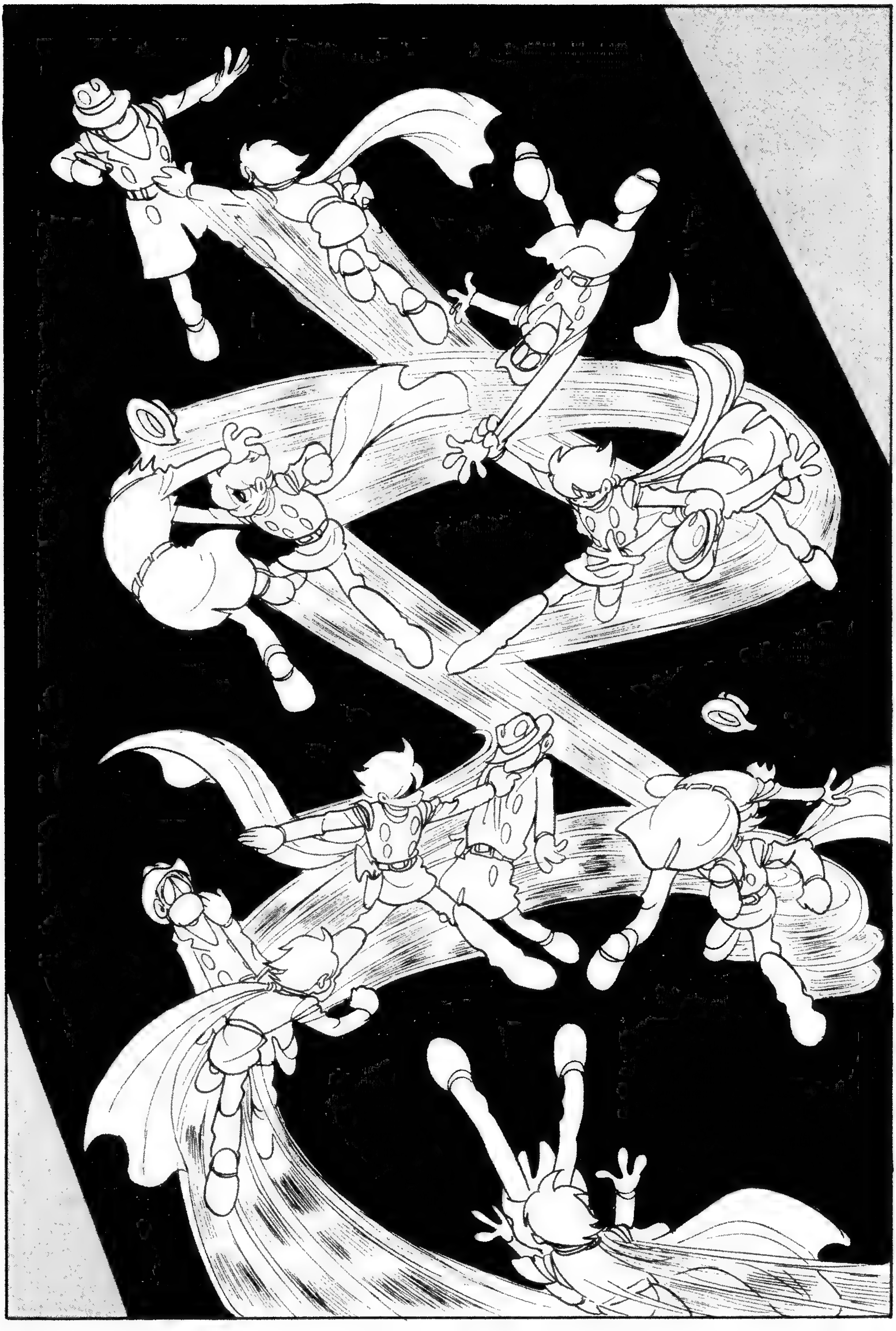
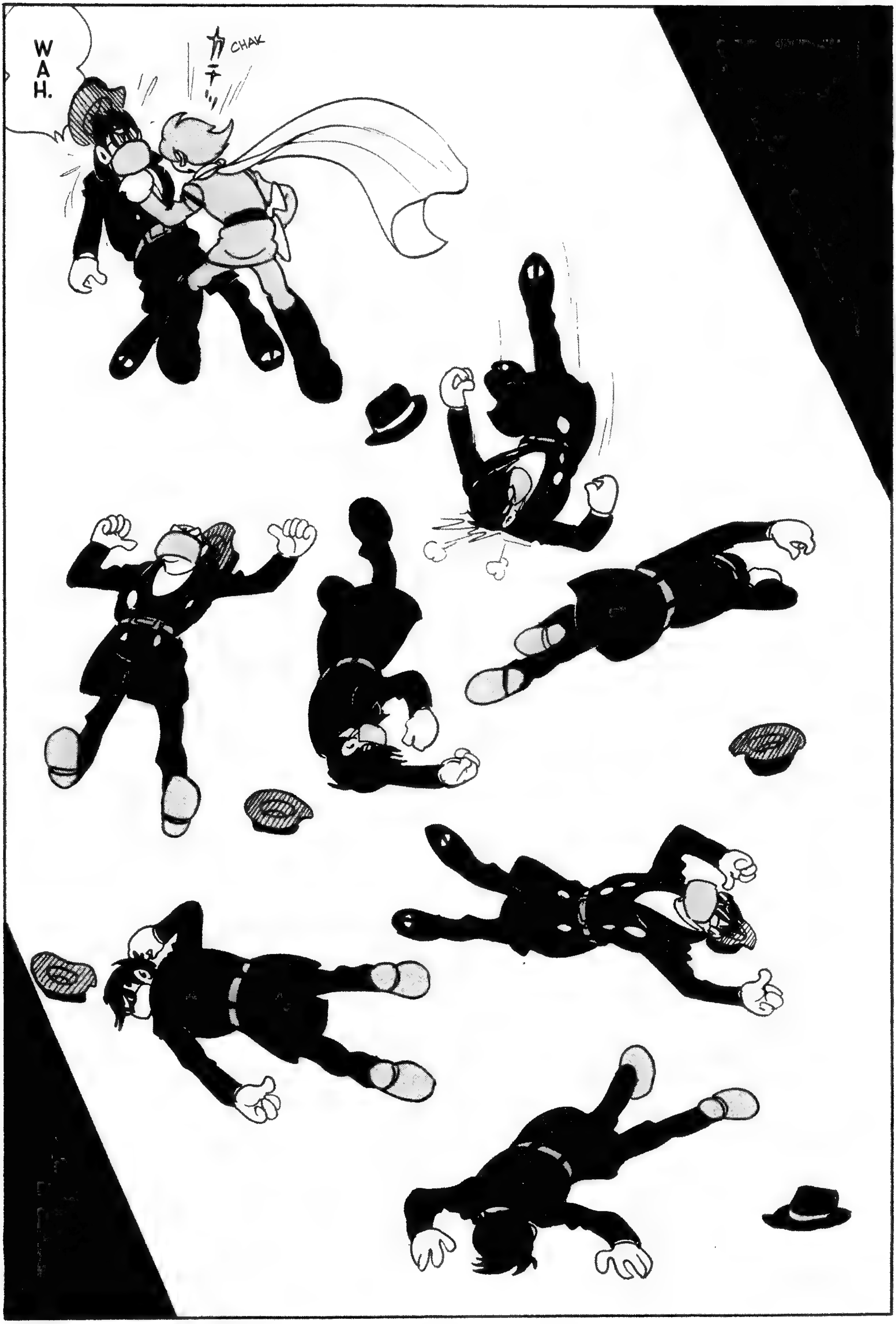
SNEAKY LITTLE DEVILS!
THEY'RE THE REAL ONES BEHIND DR. KOZUMI'S ABDUCTION.
DID YOU SEE THAT?
WE UNLOADED HUNDREDS OF ROUNDS AT THEM...
...AND THEY JUST STOOD THERE CHATTING.
LET ME...
WAIT...
...THESE GUYS ARE NOT OUR ENEMY.
KEEP THEM ALIVE.
SHUU
GRAB
GRRK
POIK
KYAAAAAA!

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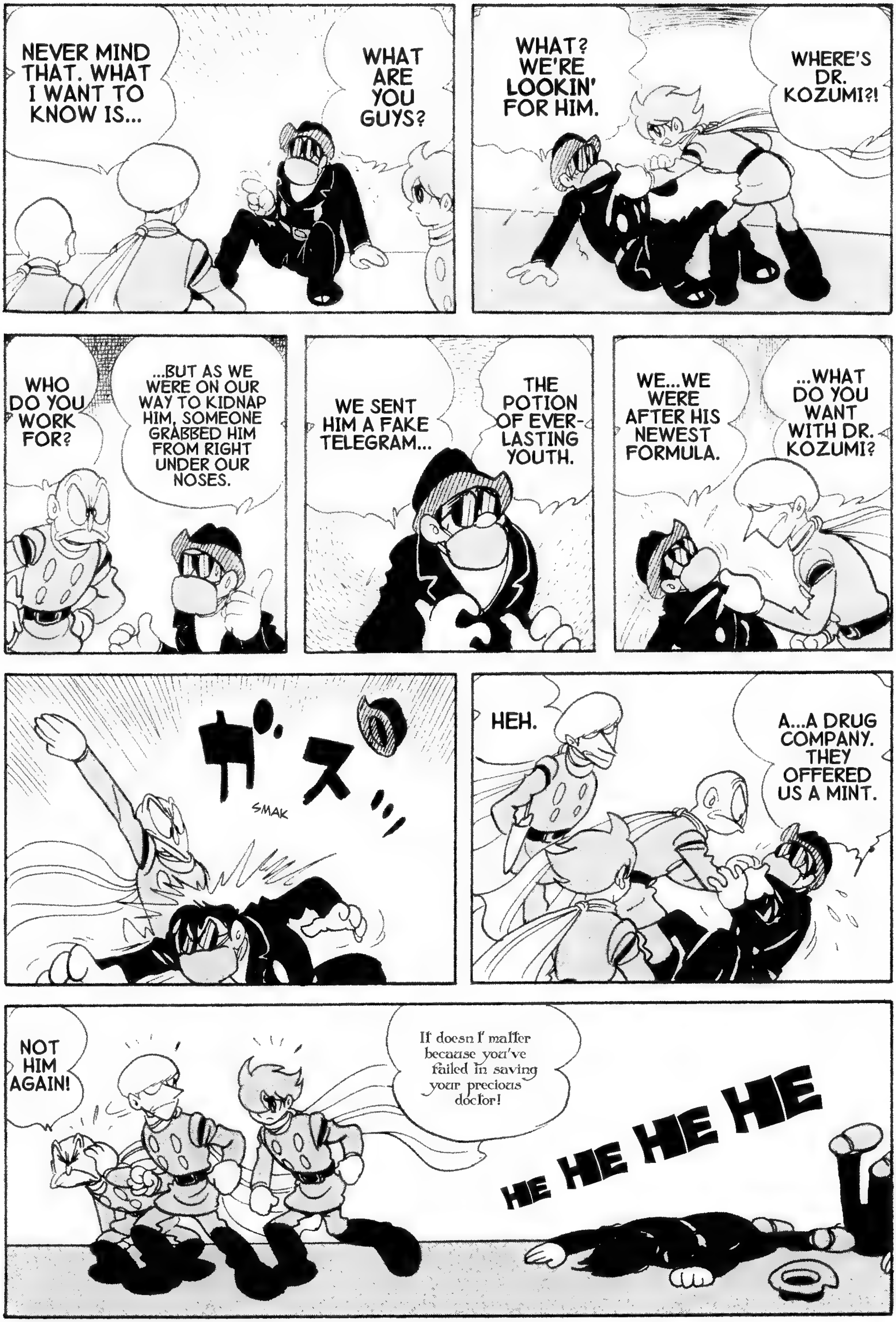
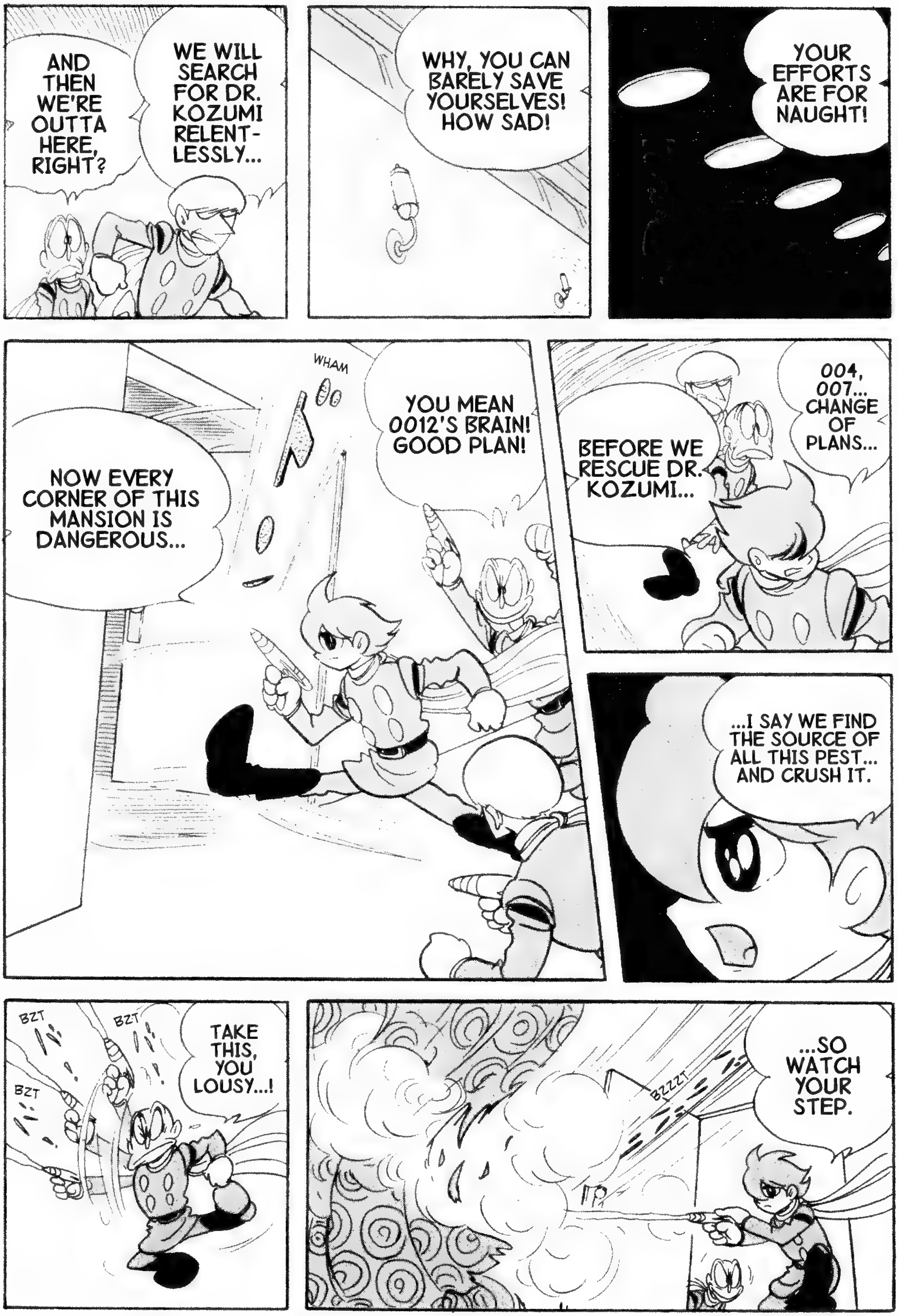
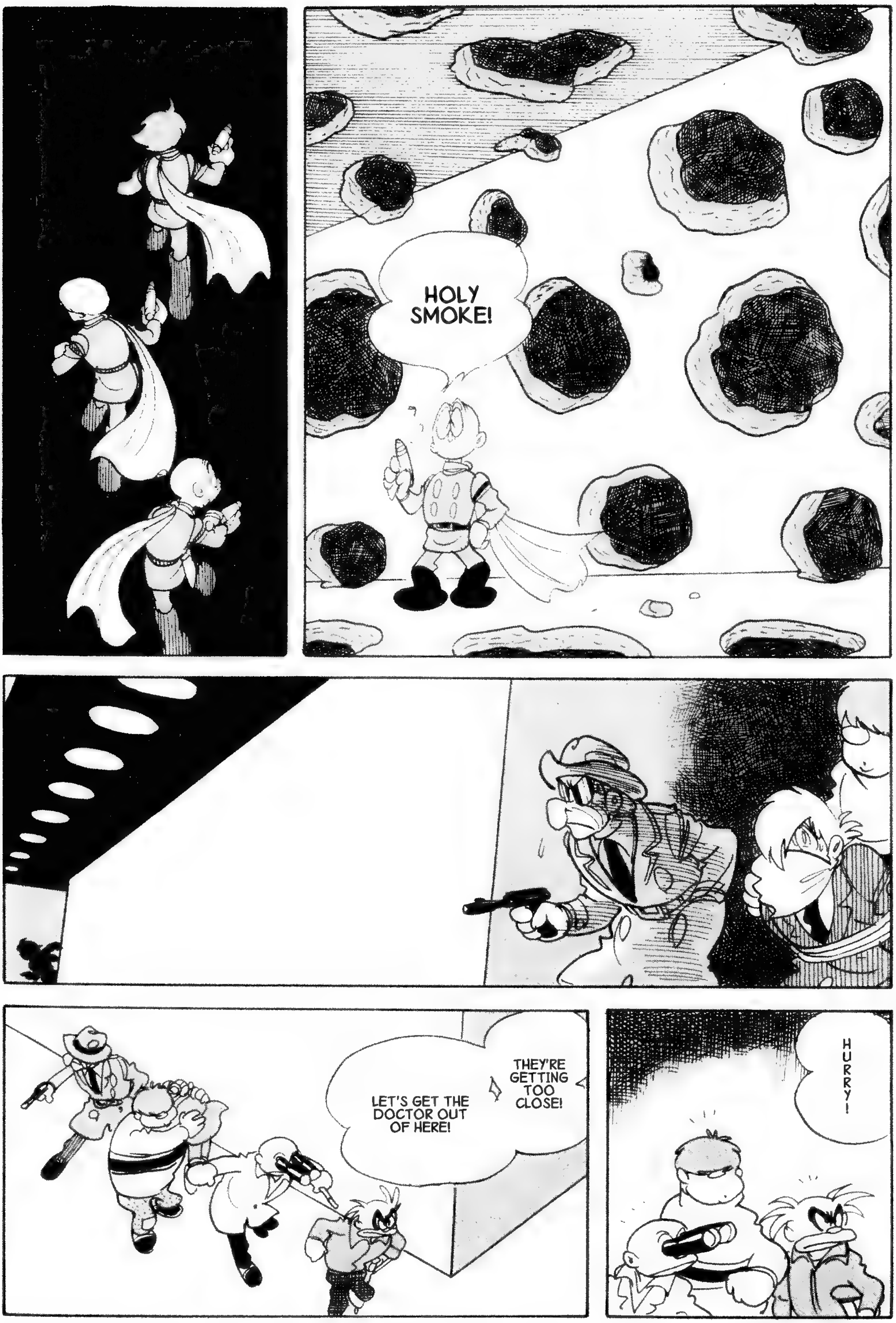
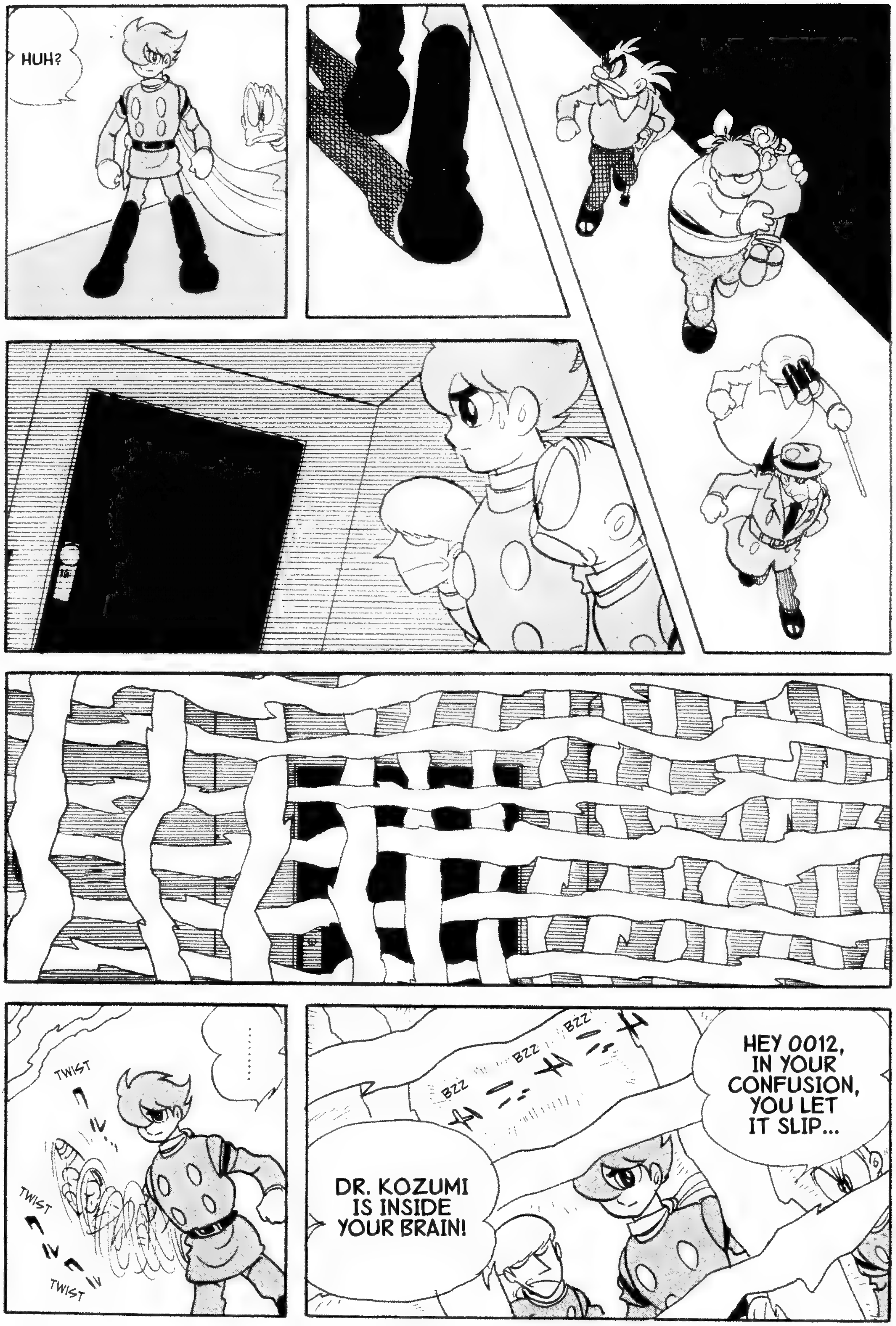
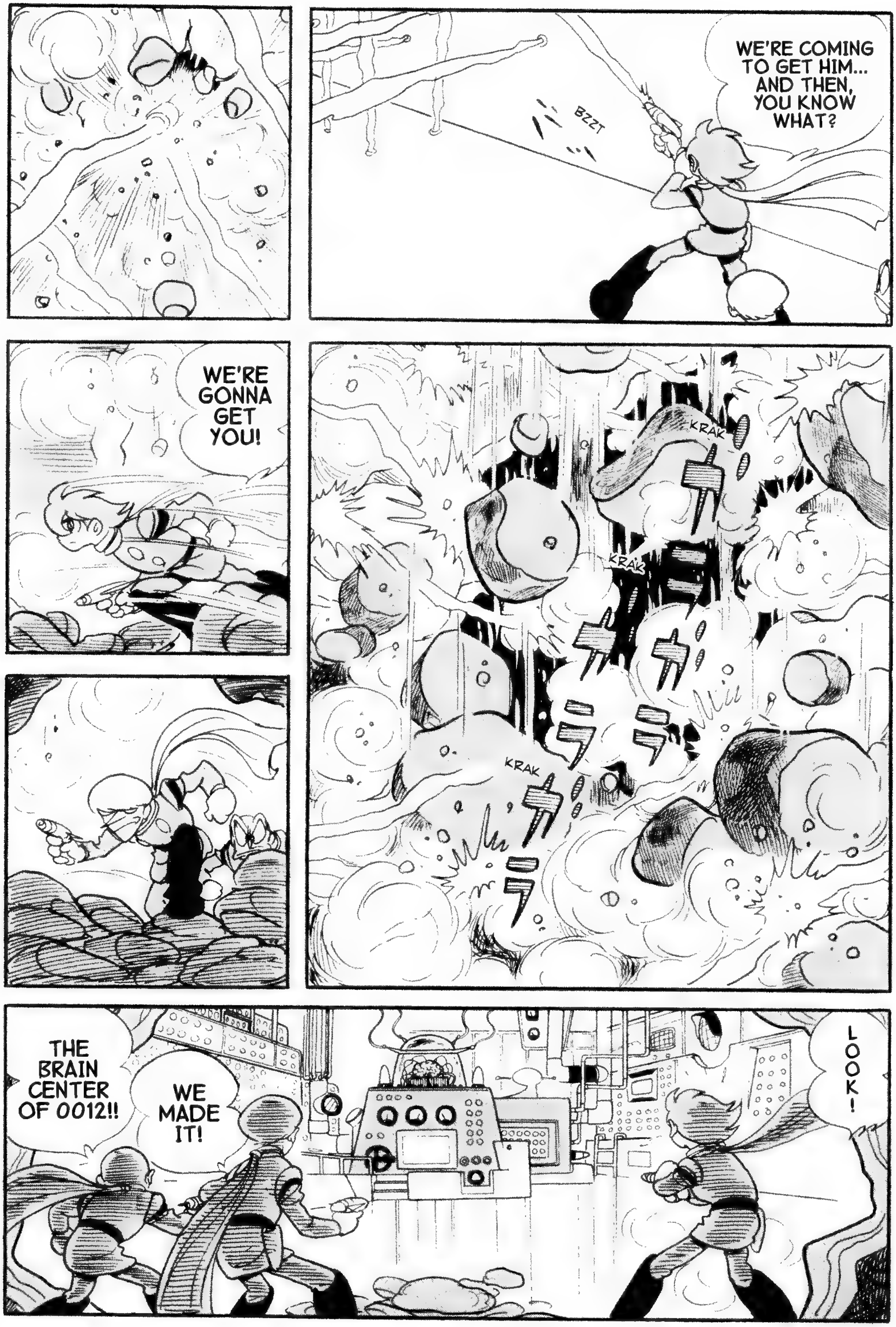
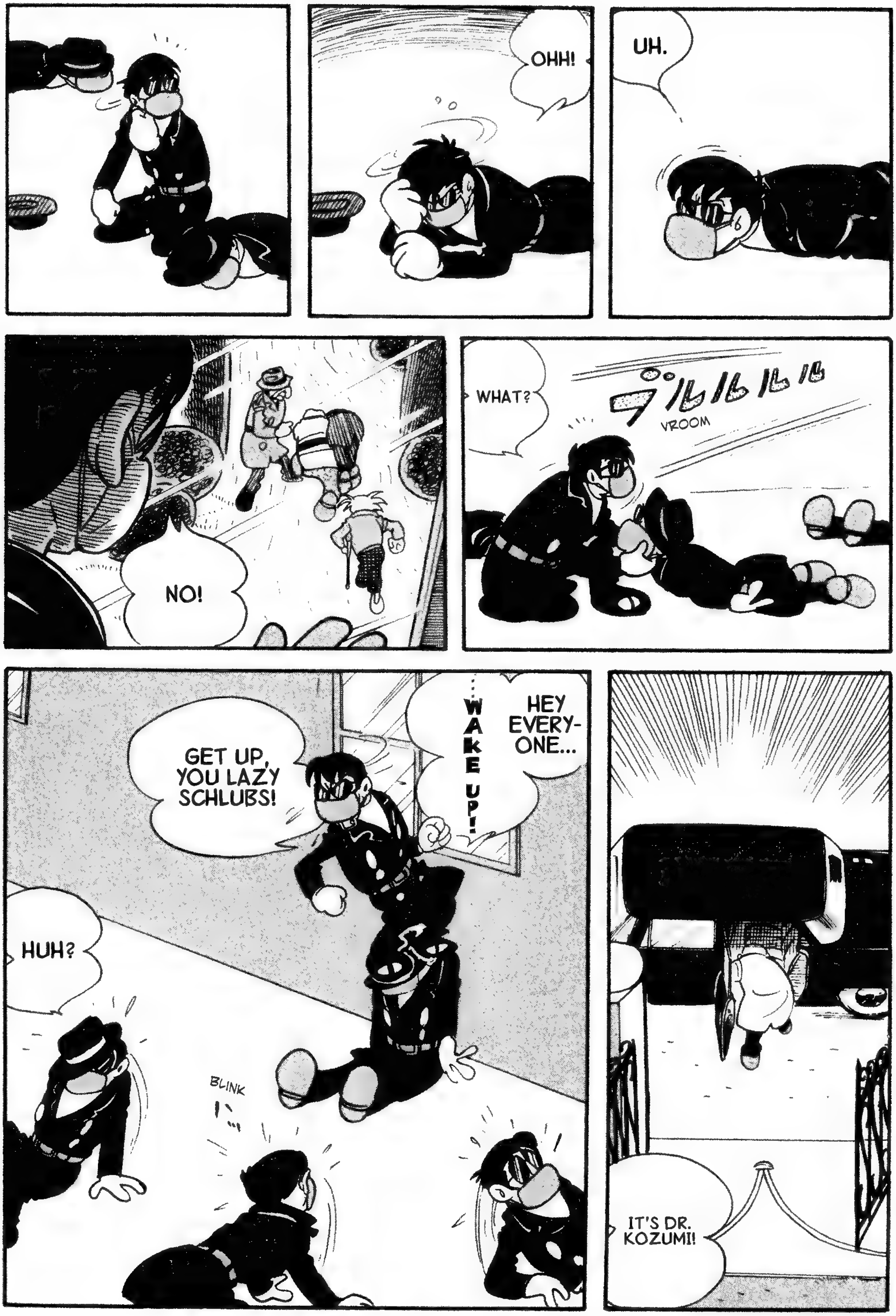

WHERE'S DR. KOZUMI?!
WHAT? WE'RE LOOKIN' FOR HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS?
NEVER MIND THAT. WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS...
...WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH DR. KOZUMI?
WE...WE WERE AFTER HIS NEWEST FORMULA.
THE POTION OF EVER-LASTING YOUTH.
WE SENT HIM A FAKE TELEGRAM...
...BUT AS WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO KIDNAP HIM, SOMEONE GRABBED HIM FROM RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES.
WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?
A...A DRUG COMPANY. THEY OFFERED US A MINT.
HEH.
ガス
SMAK
It doesn't matter because you've failed in saving your precious doctor!
HE HE HE HE HE
NOT HIM AGAIN!

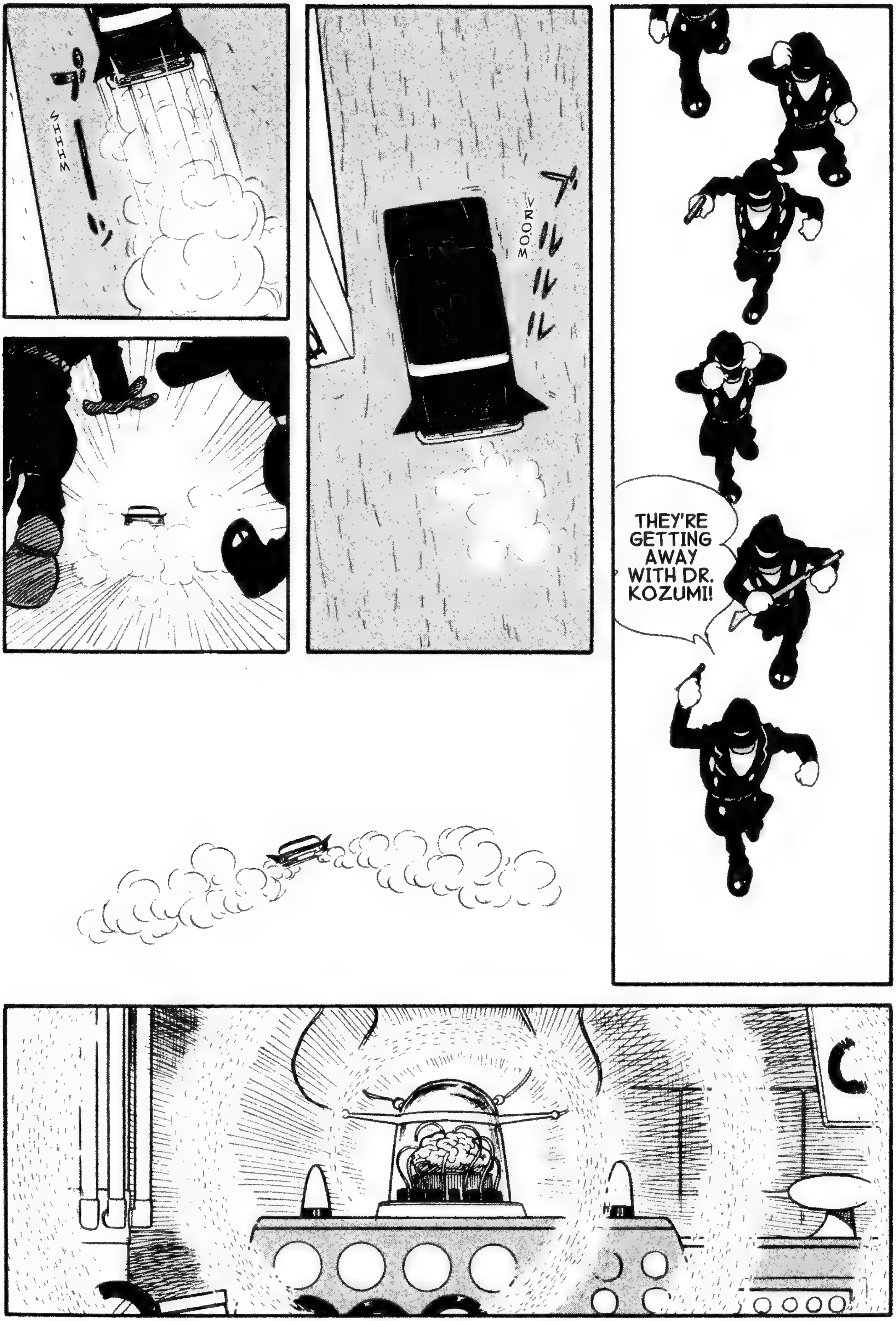

WE WILL SEARCH FOR DR. KOZUMI RELENTLESSLY...
AND THEN WE'RE OUTTA HERE, RIGHT?
WHY, YOU CAN BARELY SAVE YOURSELVES! HOW SAD!
YOUR EFFORTS ARE FOR NAUGHT!
WHAM
NOW EVERY CORNER OF THIS MANSION IS DANGEROUS...
004, 007... CHANGE OF PLANS...
BEFORE WE RESCUE DR. KOZUMI...
...I SAY WE FIND THE SOURCE OF ALL THIS PEST... AND CRUSH IT.
YOU MEAN 0012'S BRAIN! GOOD PLAN!
BZT
BZT
BZT
TAKE THIS, YOU LOUSY...!
BZZZT
...SO WATCH YOUR STEP.

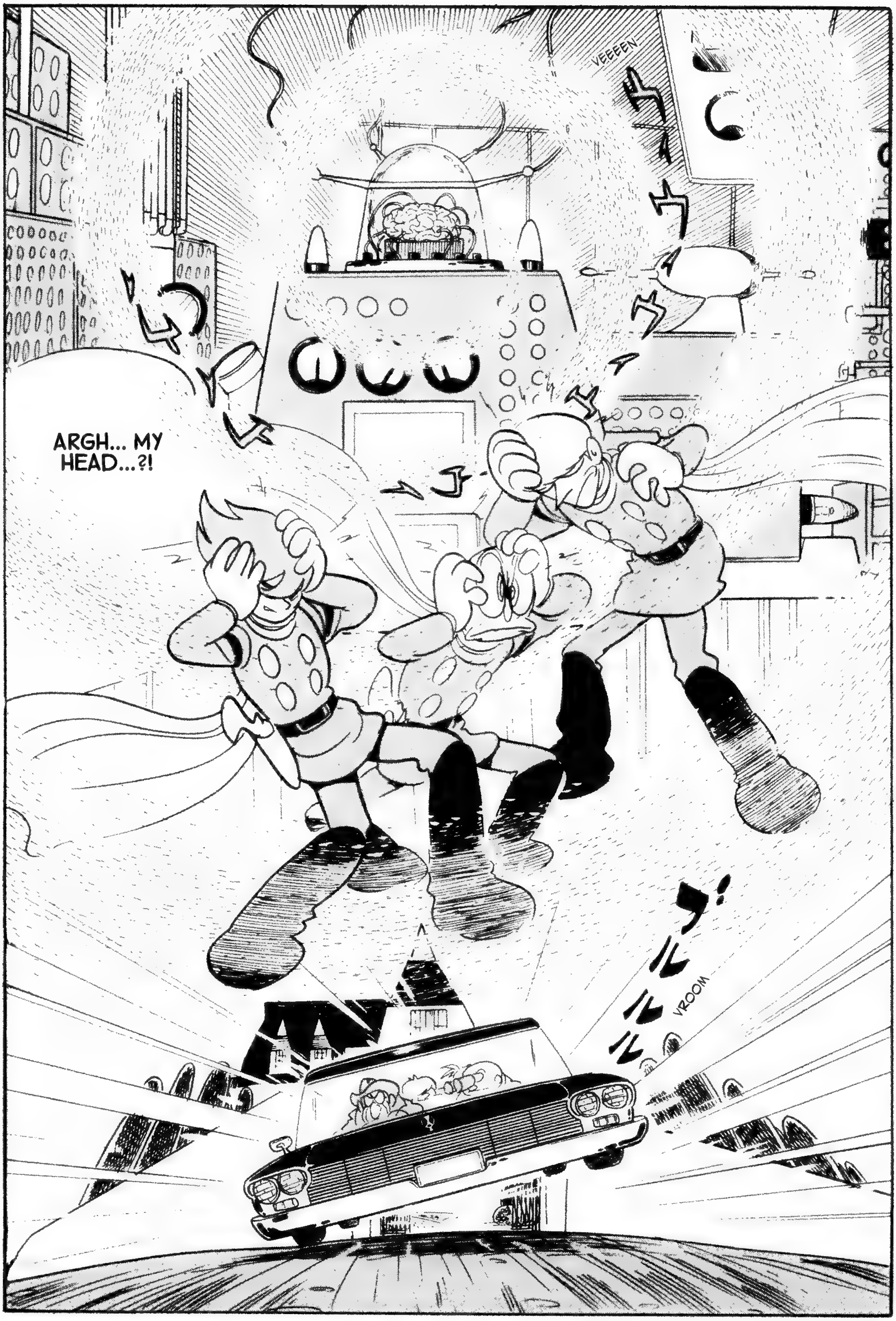

HOLY SMOKE!
THEY'RE GETTING TOO CLOSE!
LET'S GET THE DOCTOR OUT OF HERE!
HURRY!

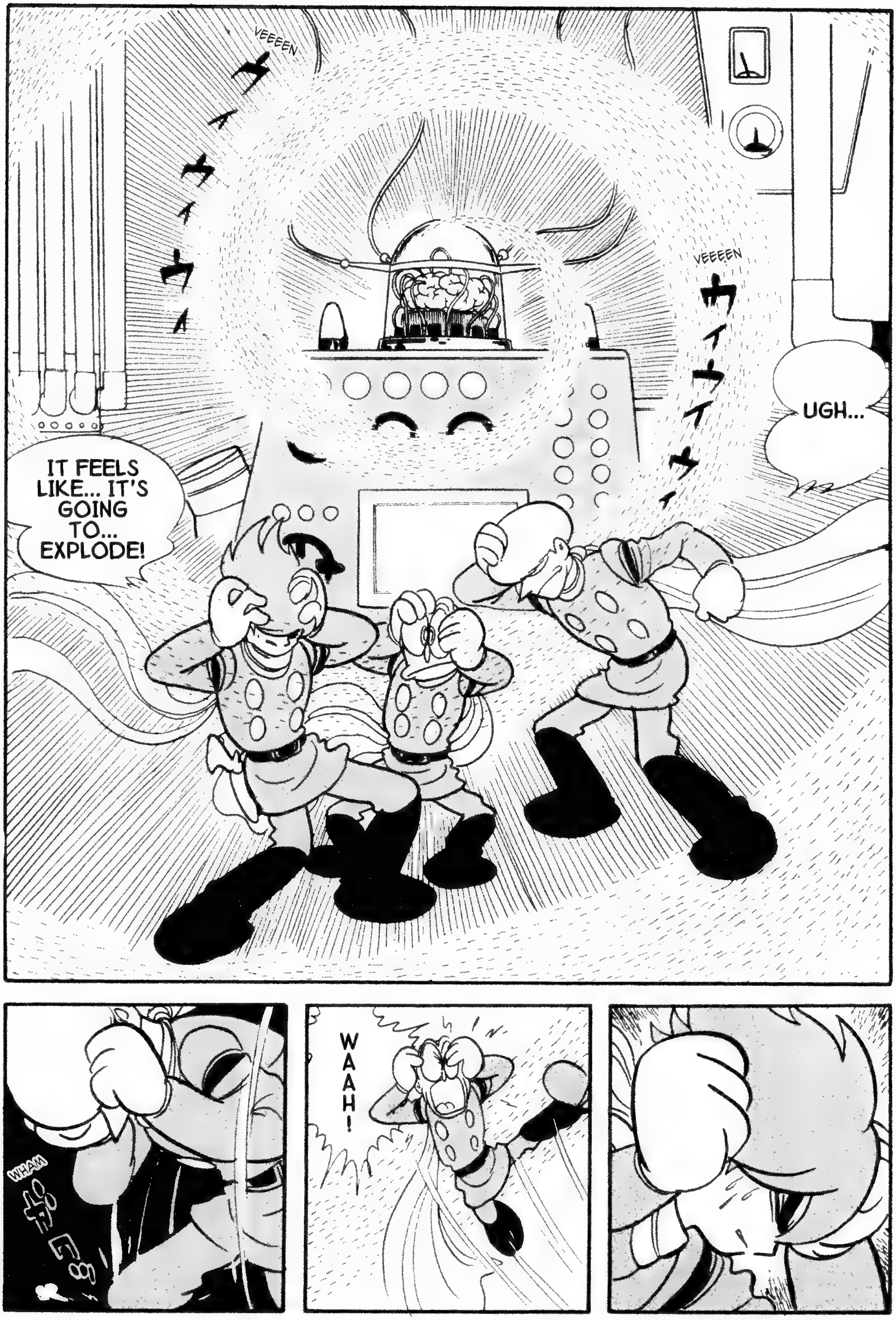

HUH?
....
TWIST
TWIST
TWIST
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
HEY 0012, IN YOUR CONFUSION, YOU LET IT SLIP...
DR. KOZUMI IS INSIDE YOUR BRAIN!


WE'RE COMING TO GET HIM... AND THEN, YOU KNOW WHAT?
BZZT
WE'RE GONNA GET YOU!
KRAK
KRAK
ガガラララ
KRAK
THE BRAIN CENTER OF 0012!!
WE MADE IT!
LOOK!


UH.
OHH!
WHAT?
ブルルルル
VROOM
NO!
IT'S DR. KOZUMI!
HEY EVERYONE...
...WAKE UP!!
GET UP, YOU LAZY SCHLUBS!
HUH?
BLINK


THEY'RE GETTING AWAY WITH DR. KOZUMI!
VROOM
ブルルル
SHHHM
プーッ


VEEEEN
ARGH... MY HEAD...?!
VROOM


VEEEEN
UGH...
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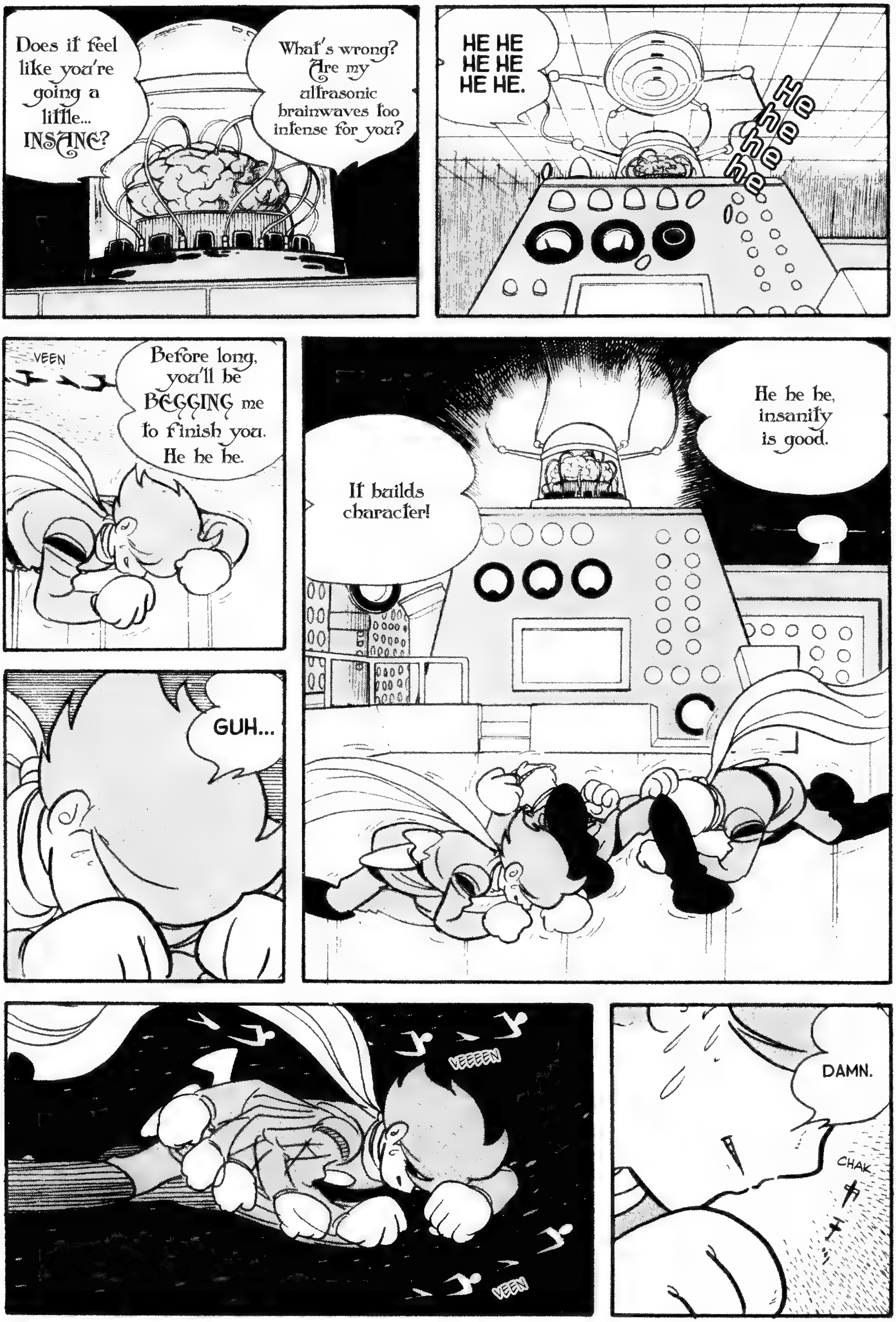
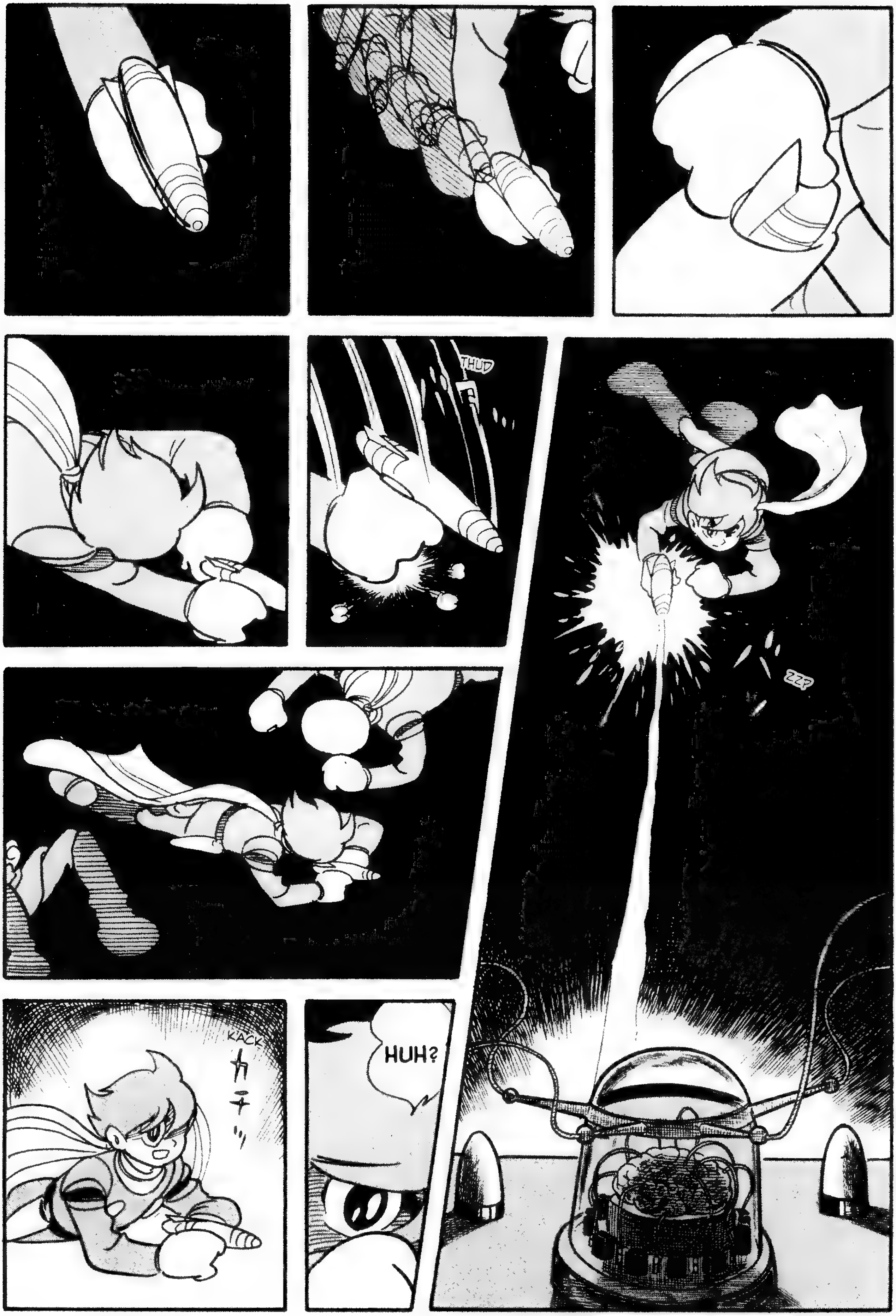
IT FEELS LIKE... IT'S GOING TO... EXPLODE!
WAAH!
WHAM


Does it feel like you're going a little... INSANE?
What's wrong? Are my ultrasonic brainwaves too intense for you?
HE HE HE HE HE HE.
He he he he.
VEEN
Before long, you'll be BEGGING me to finish you. He he he.
He he he, insanity is good.
It builds character!
GUH...
VEEEEN
VEEN
DAMN.
CHAK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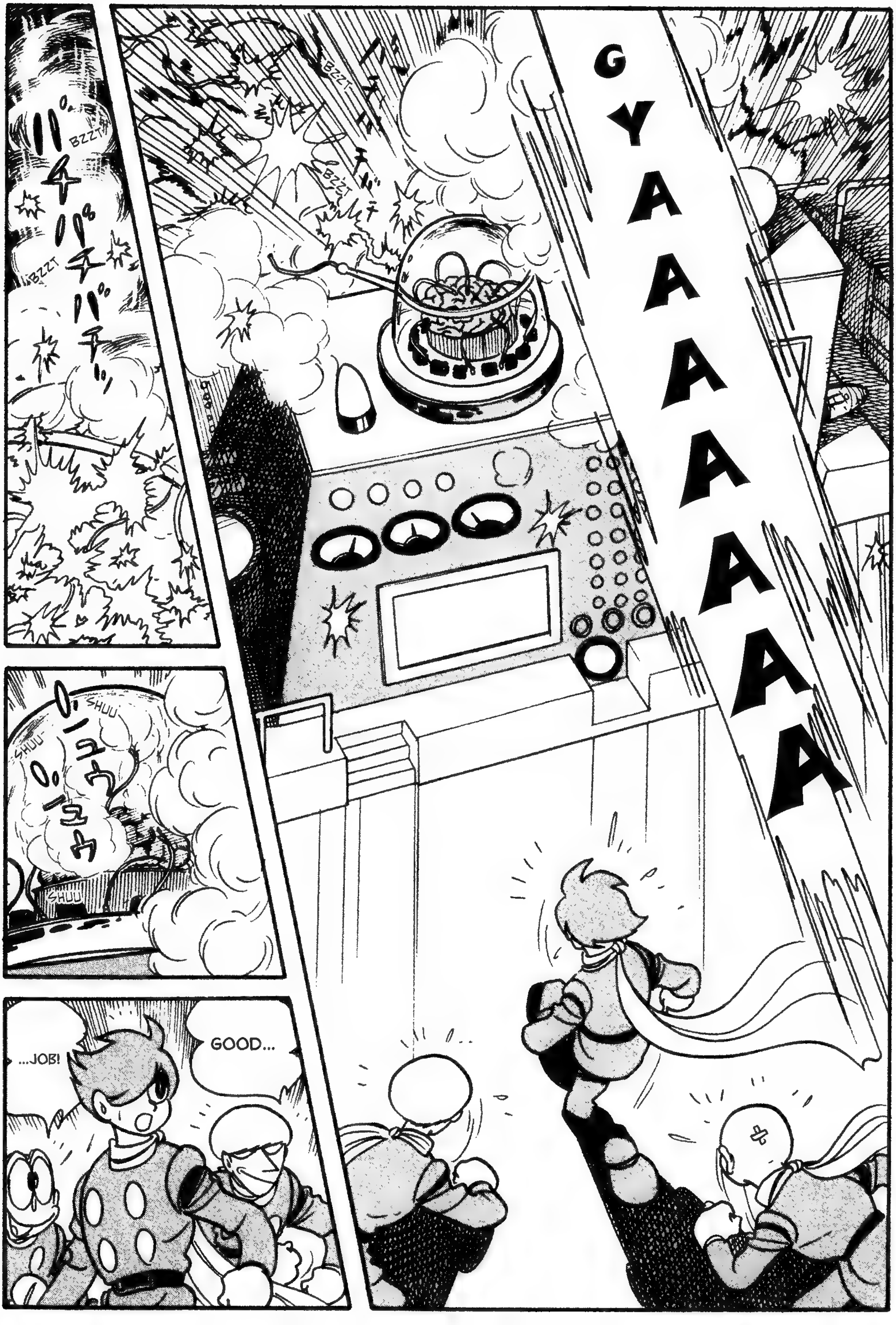
HUH?

BZZZT
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GYAAAAAAA
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SHUU
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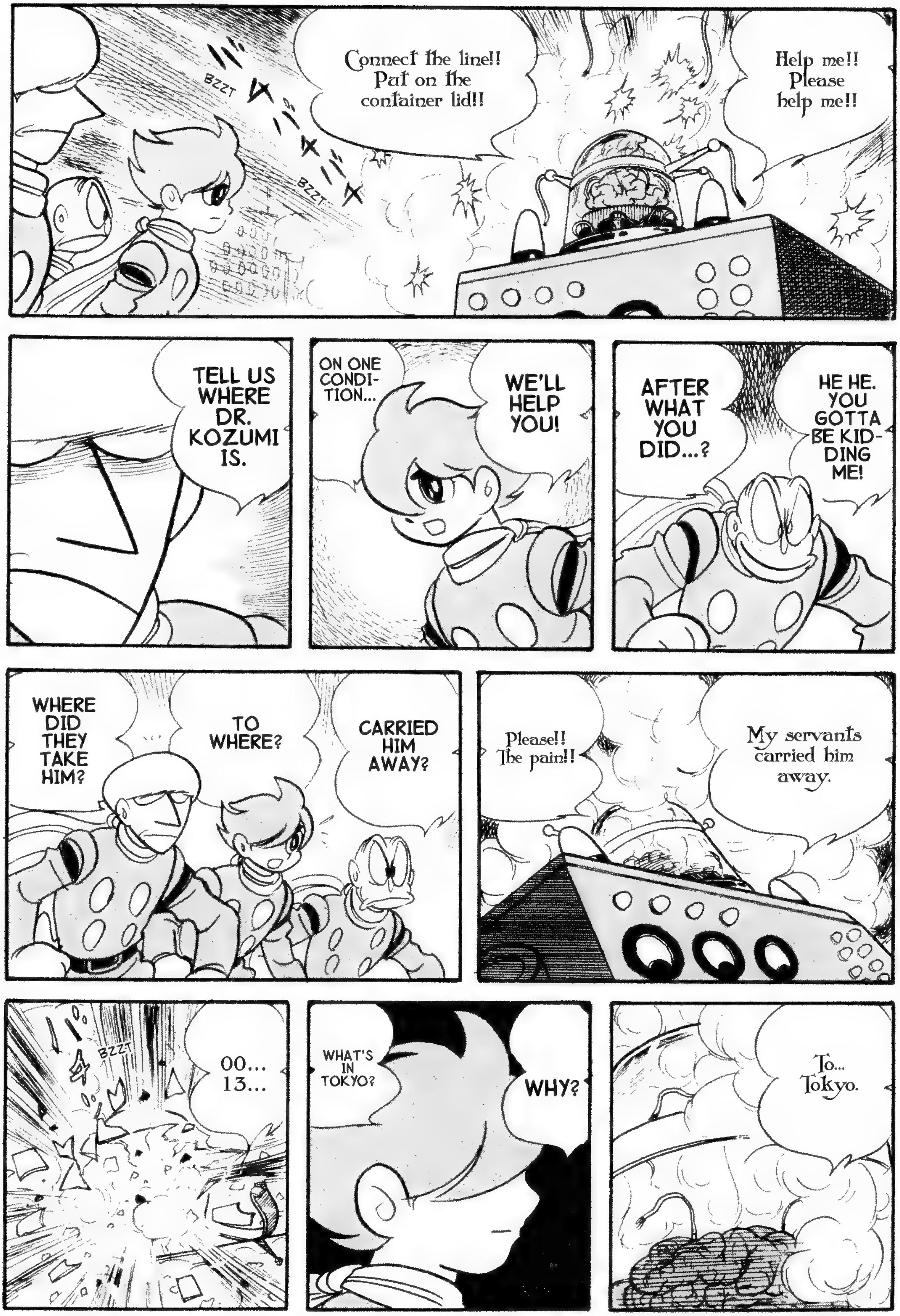
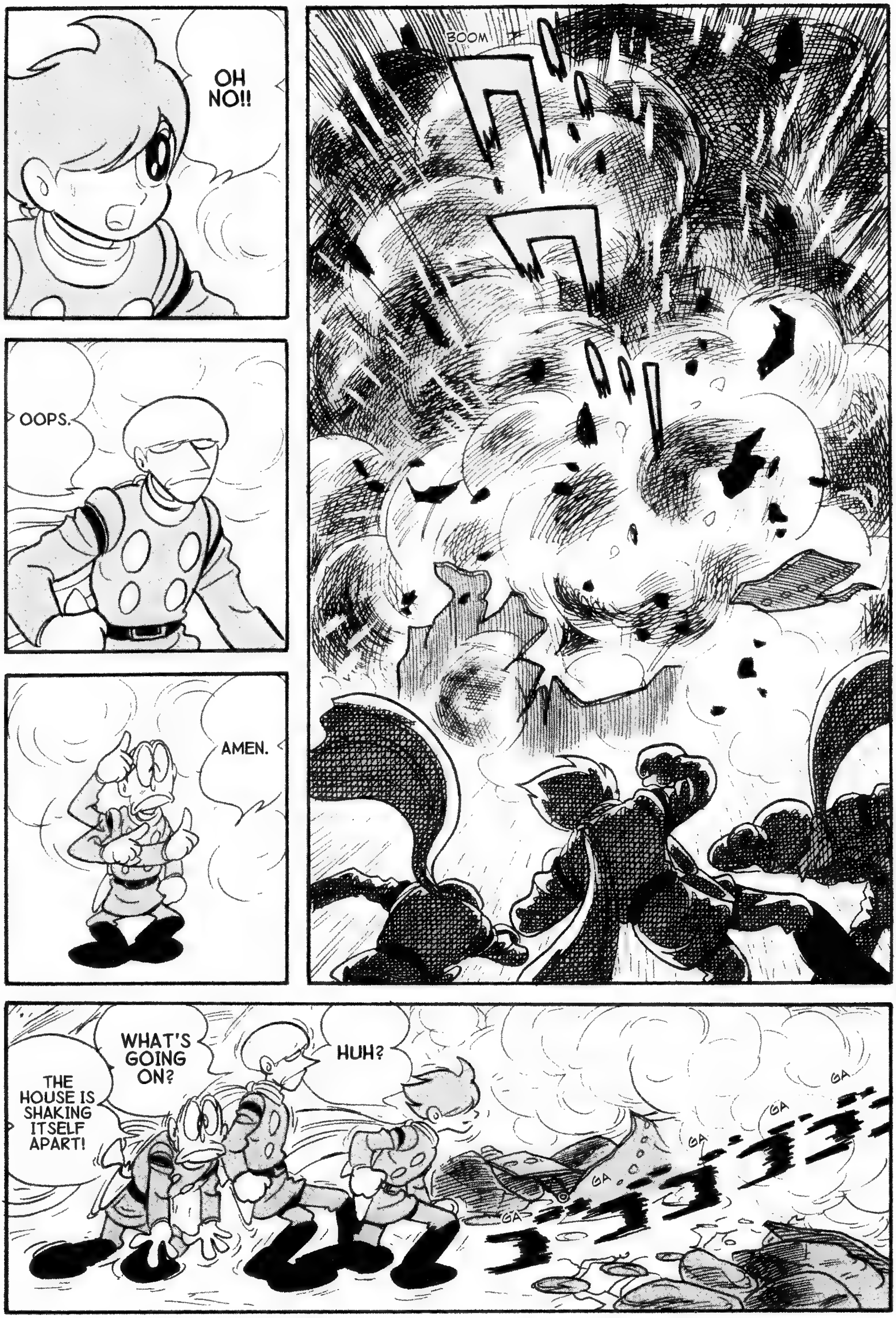
GOOD...
...JOB!


Help me!! Please help me!!
Connect the line!! Put on the container lid!!
BZZT
BZZT
HE HE. YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
AFTER WHAT YOU DID...?
WE'LL HELP YOU!
ON ONE CONDITION...
TELL US WHERE DR. KOZUMI IS.
My servants carried him away.
Please!! The pain!!
CARRIED HIM AWAY?
TO WHERE?
WHERE DID THEY TAKE HIM?
To... Tokyo.
WHY?
WHAT'S IN TOKYO?
00... 13...
BZZT


OH NO!!
OOPS.
AMEN.
BOOM
THE HOUSE IS SHAKING ITSELF APART!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH?
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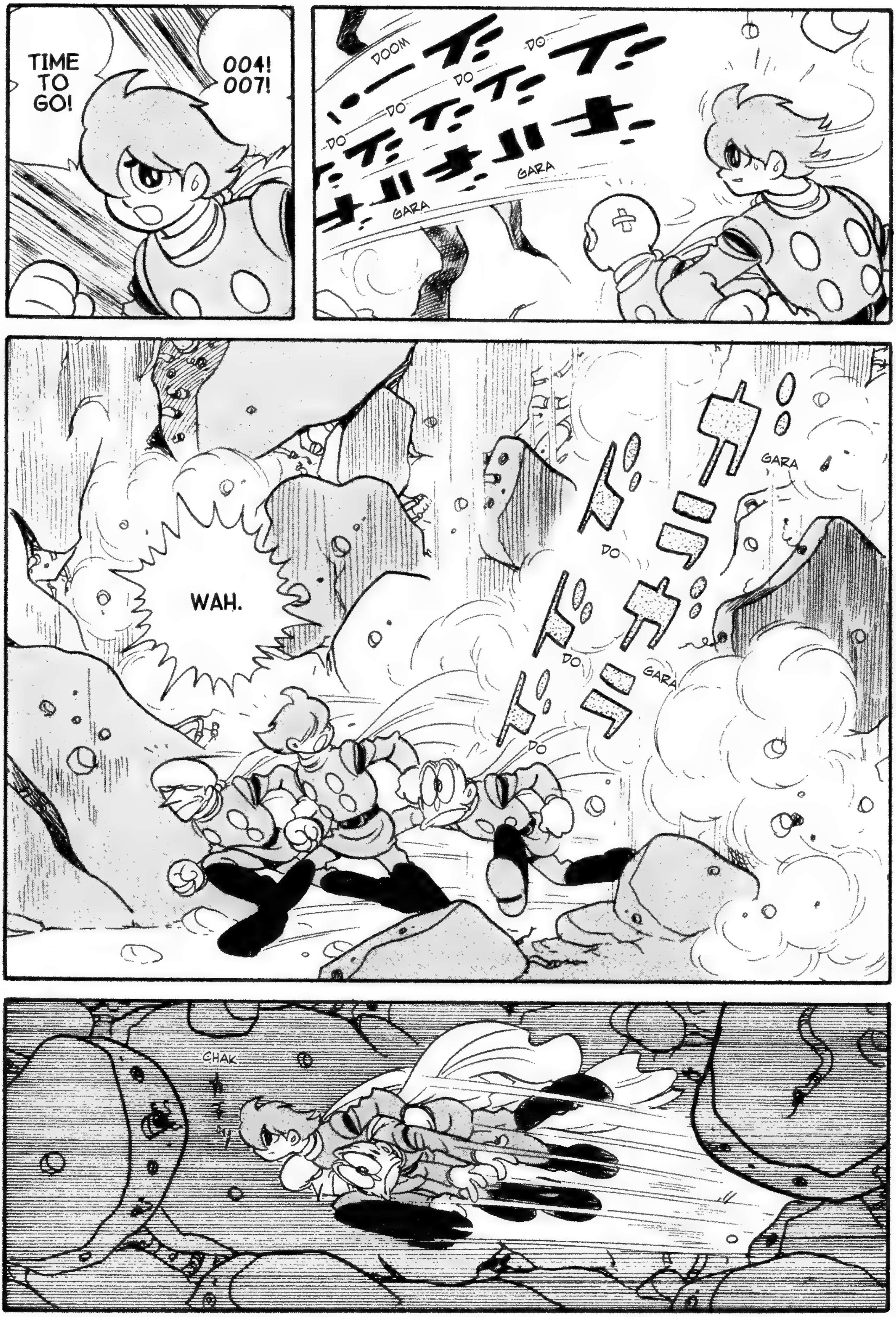
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004! 007!
TIME TO GO!
GARA
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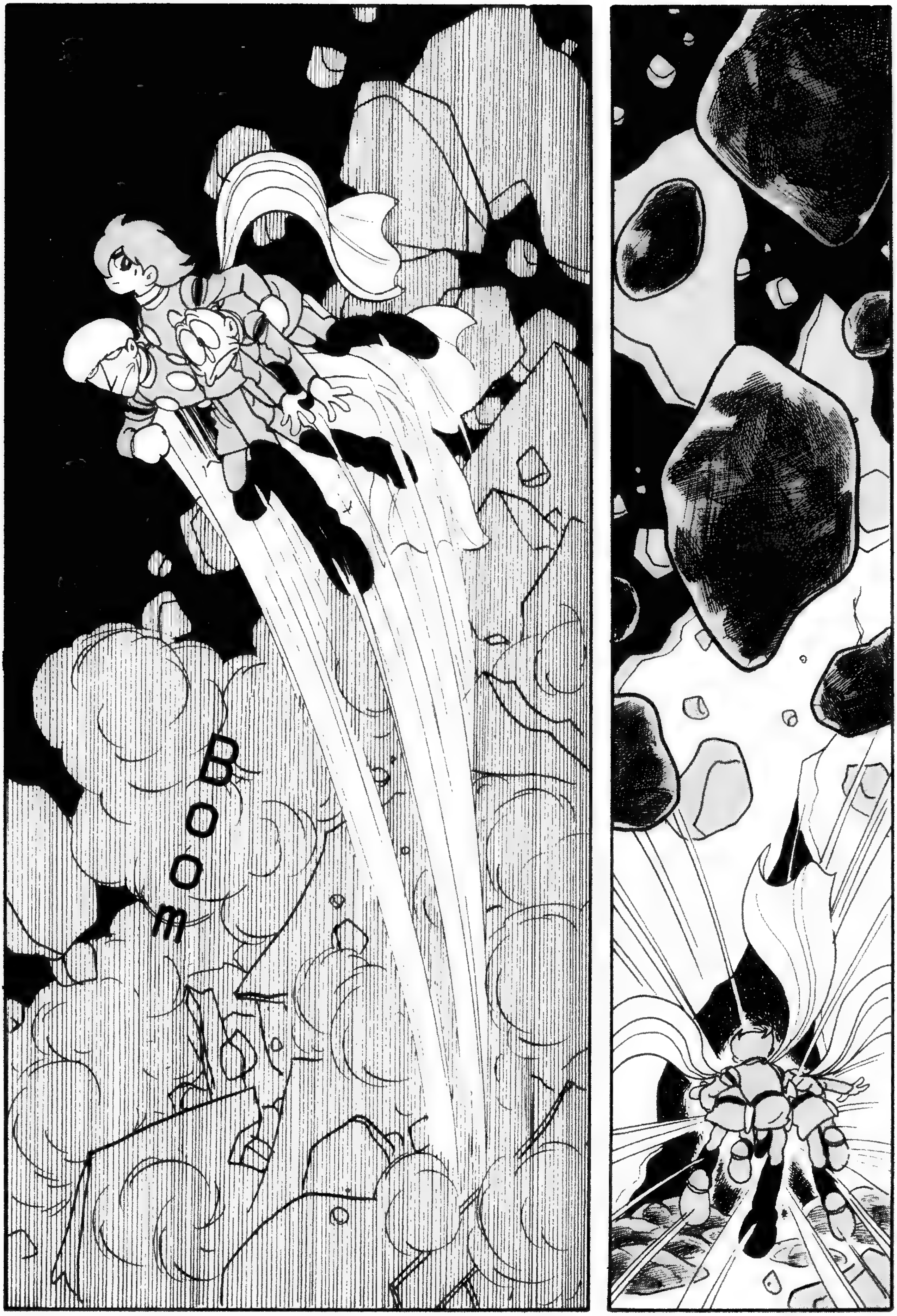
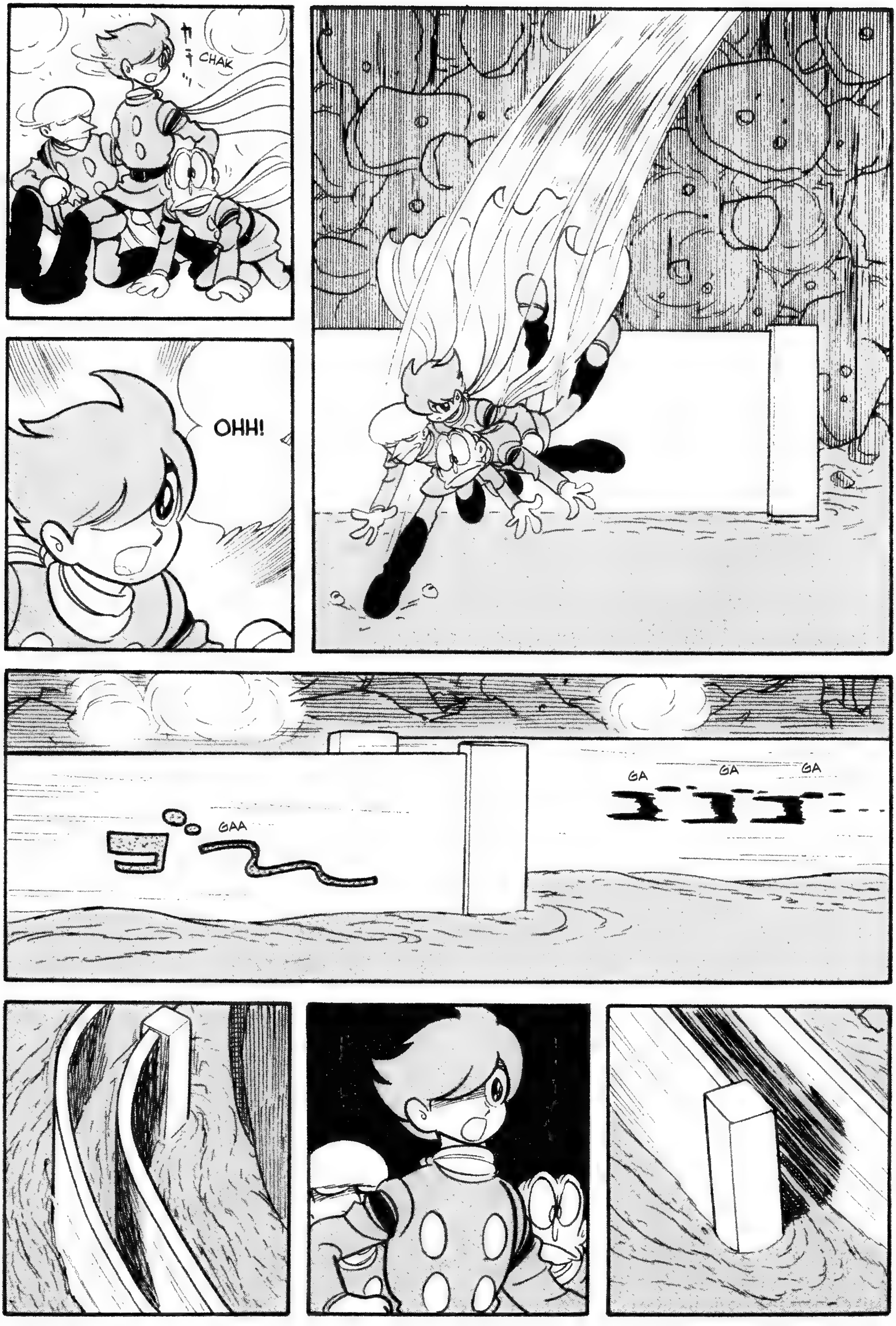
GARA
DO
WAH.
CHAK


BOOM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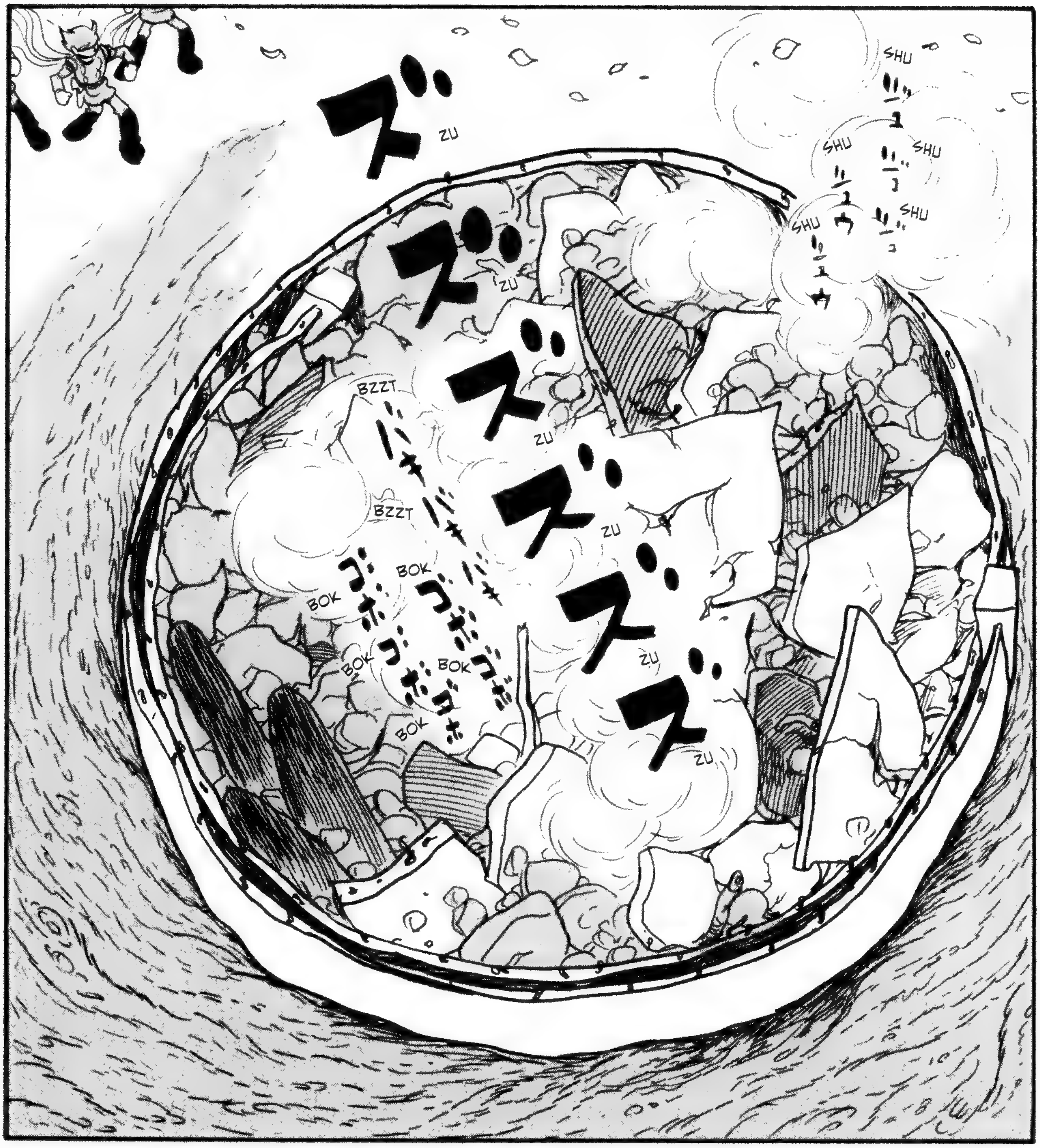
OHH!
GA GA GA
GAA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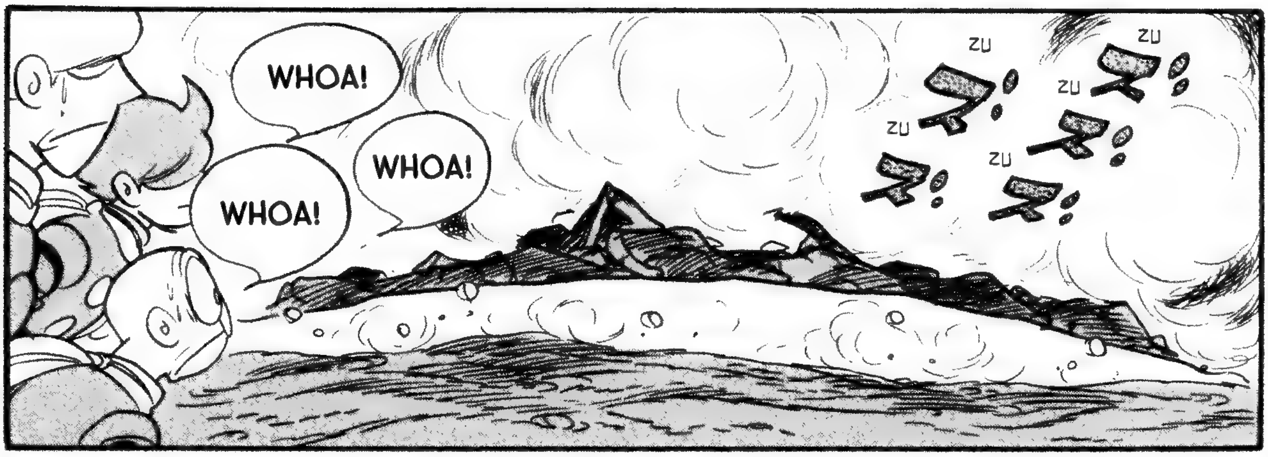
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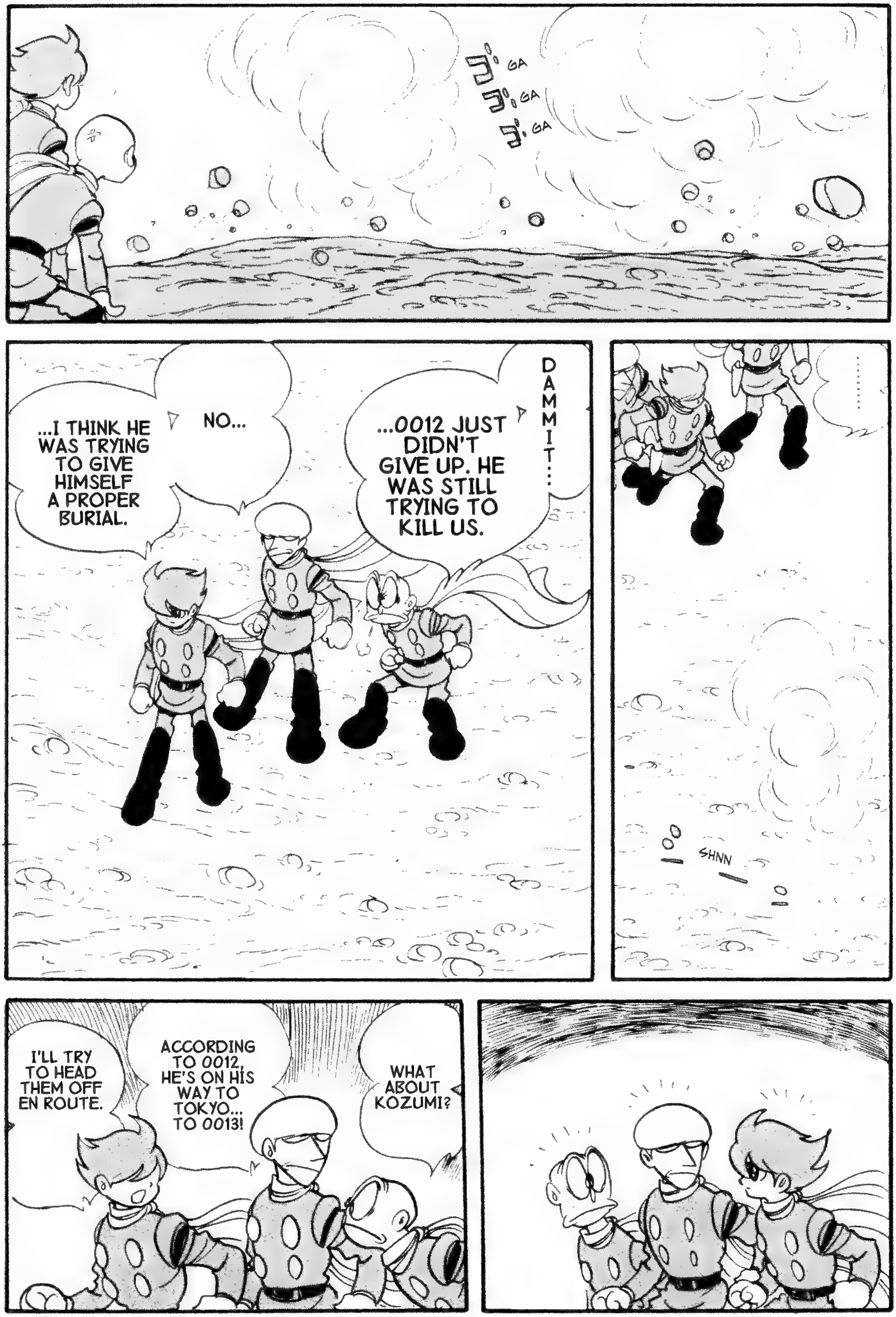
WHOA!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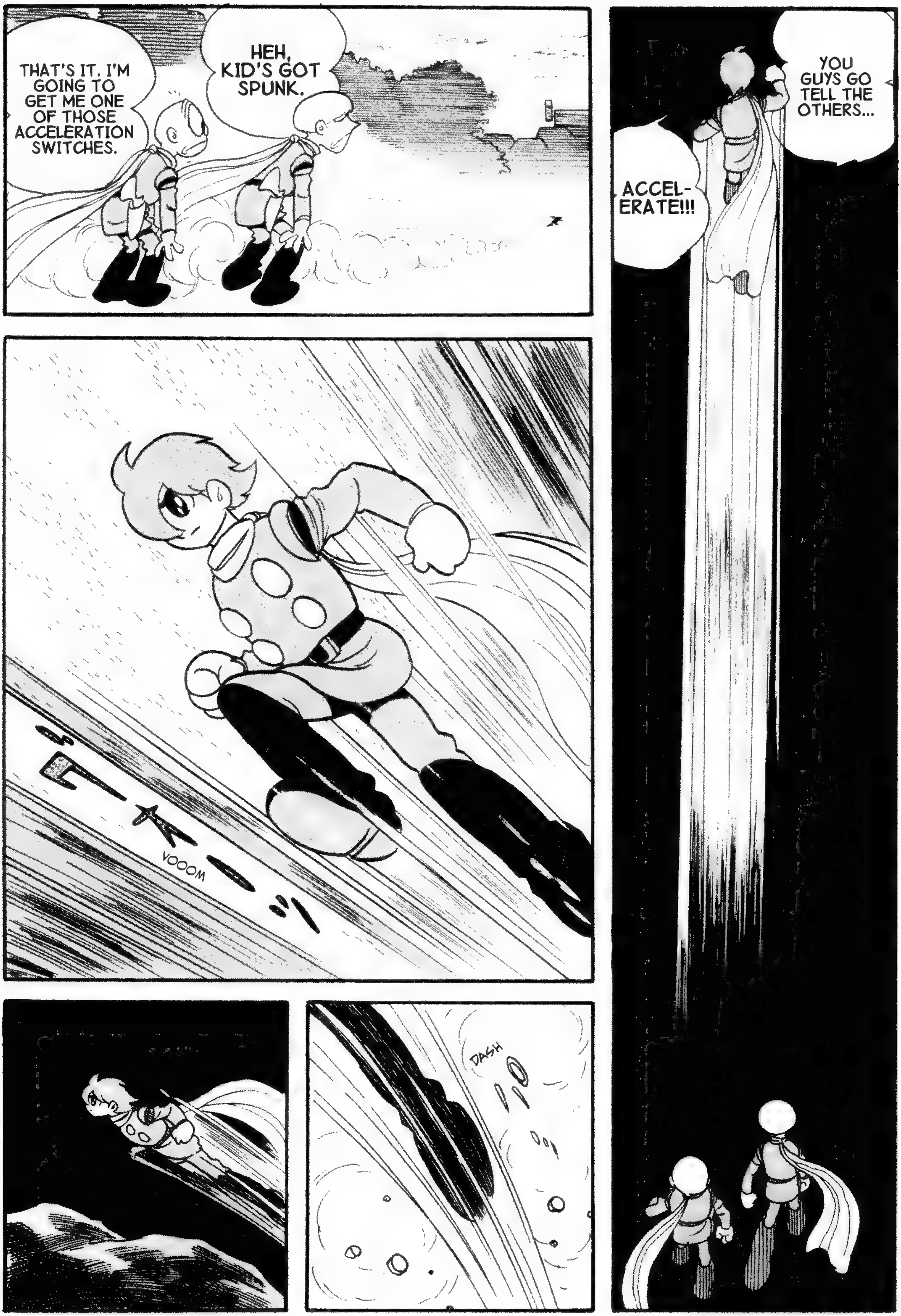
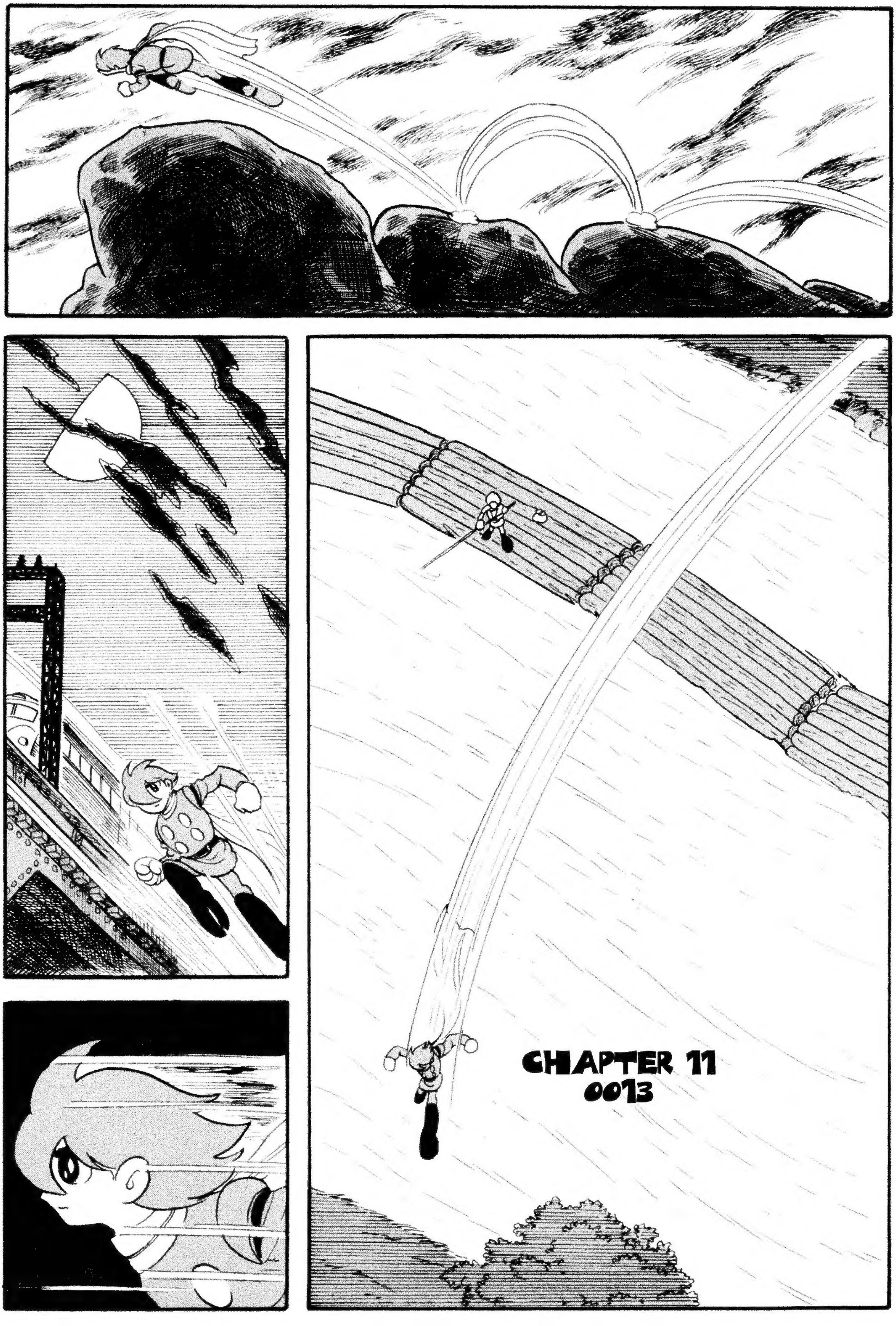
SHNN
DAMMIT...
...0012 JUST DIDN'T GIVE UP. HE WAS STILL TRYING TO KILL US.
NO...
...I THINK HE WAS TRYING TO GIVE HIMSELF A PROPER BURIAL.
WHAT ABOUT KOZUMI?
ACCORDING TO 0012, HE'S ON HIS WAY TO TOKYO... TO 0013!
I'LL TRY TO HEAD THEM OFF EN ROUTE.


YOU GUYS GO TELL THE OTHERS...
ACCEL-ERATE!!!
HEH, KID'S GOT SPUNK.
THAT'S IT. I'M GOING TO GET ME ONE OF THOSE ACCELERATION SWITCHES.
VOOOM
DASH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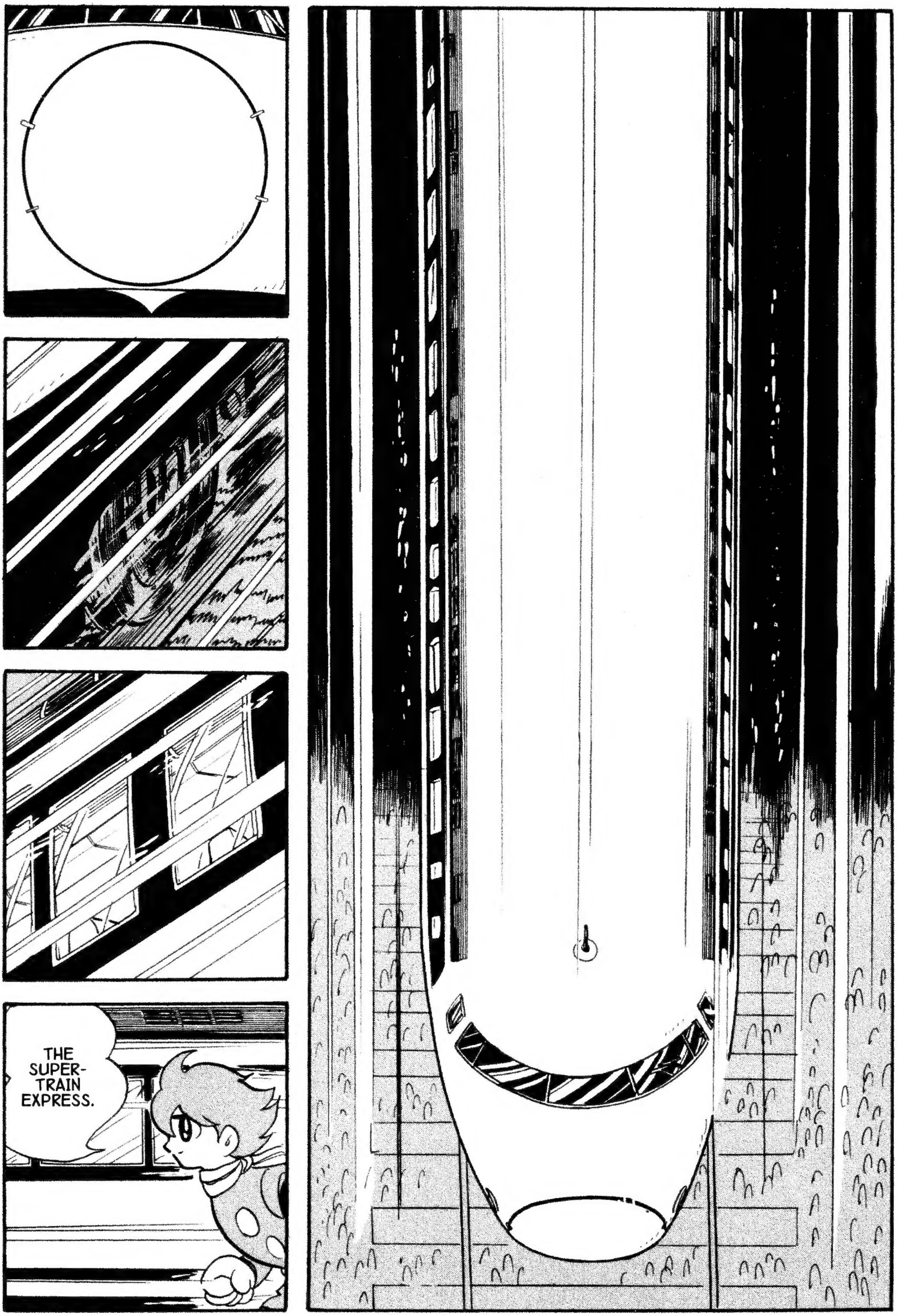
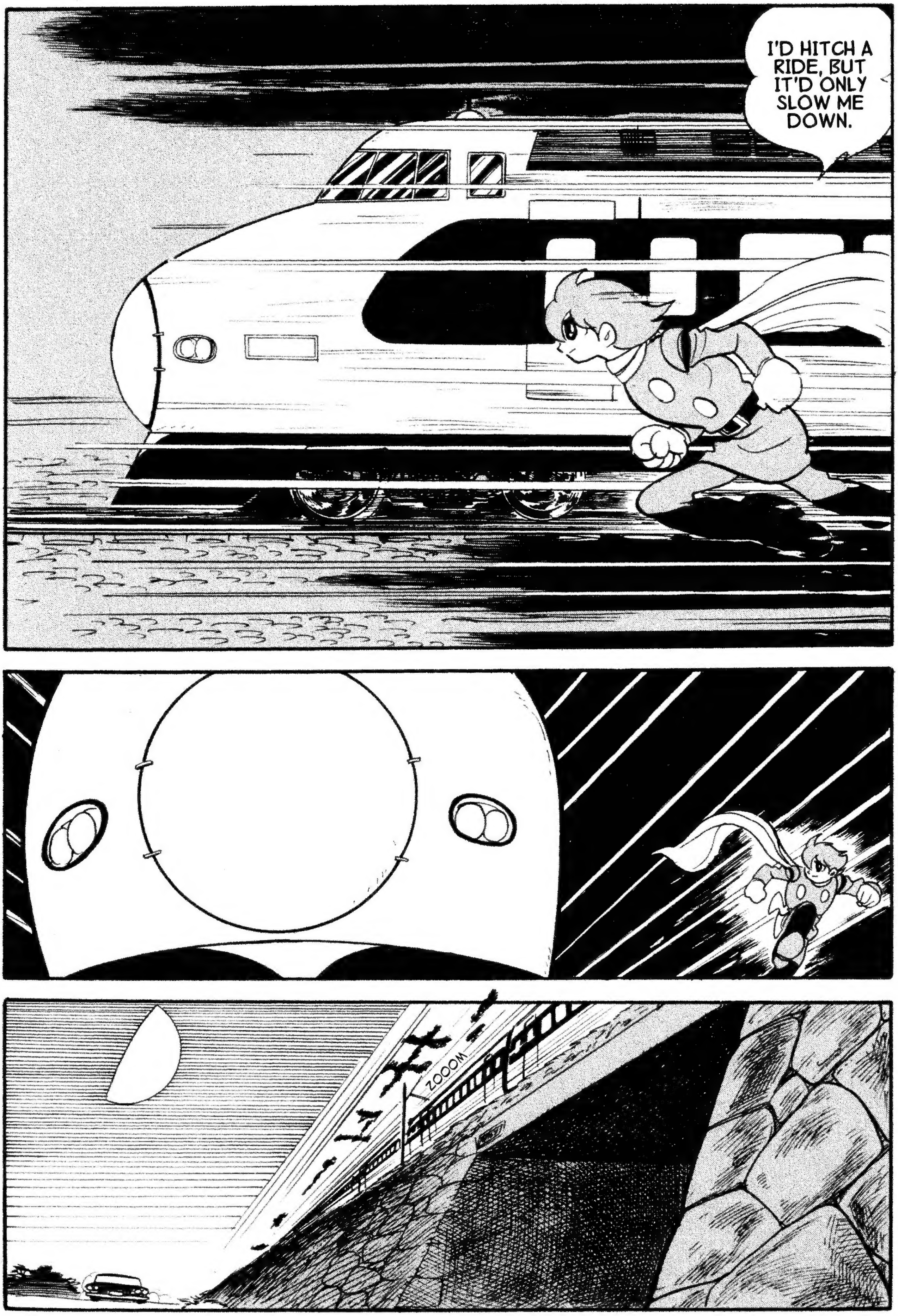
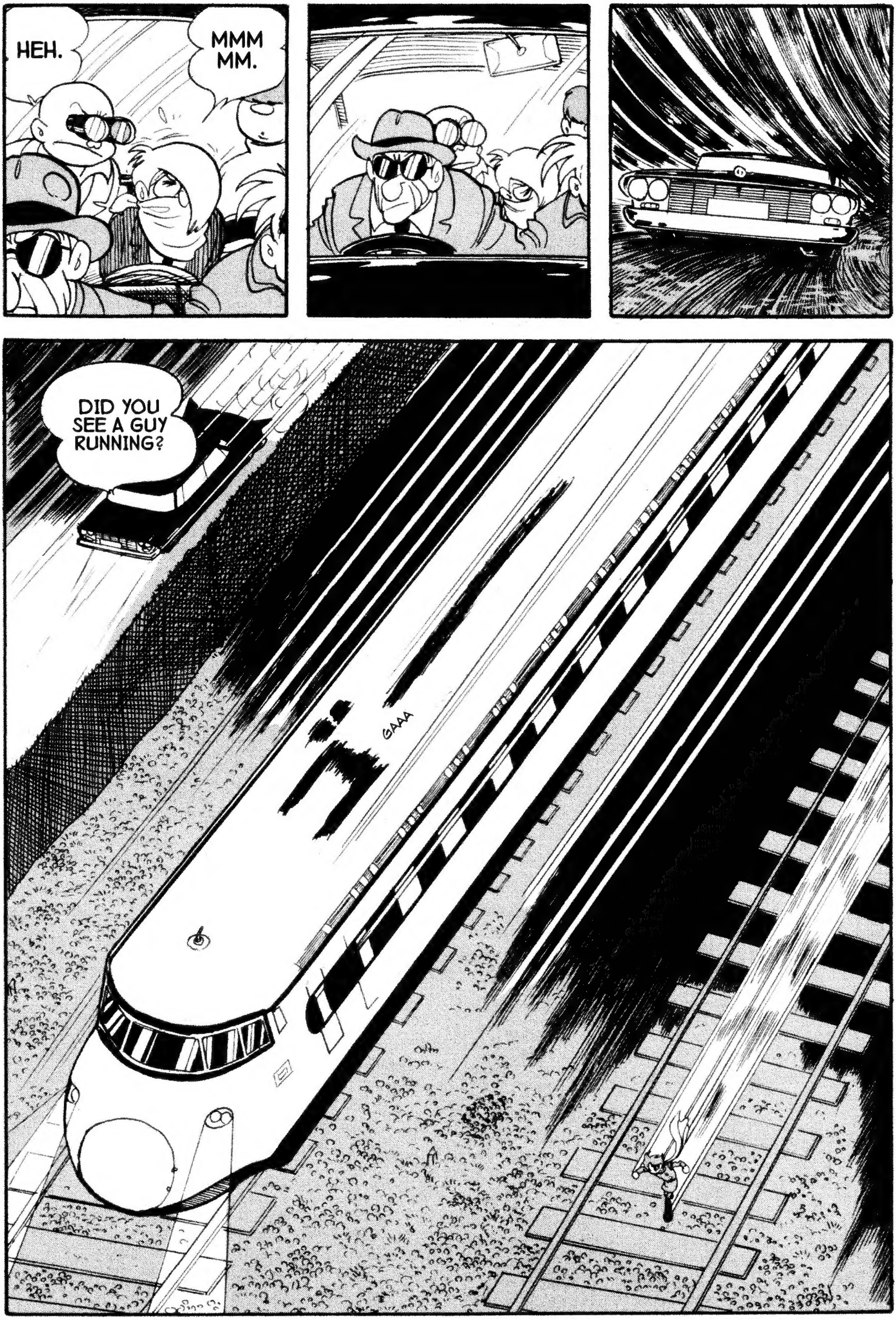

THE SUPER-TRAIN EXPRESS.


I'D HITCH A RIDE, BUT IT'D ONLY SLOW ME DOWN.
ZOOOM


HEH.
MMM MM.
DID YOU SEE A GUY RUNNING?
GAAA

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